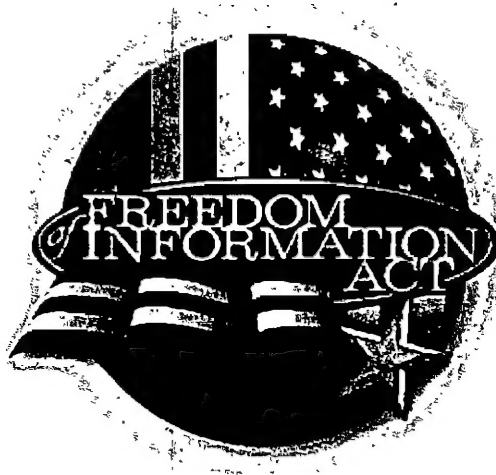


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**FILE: 62-29777**

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WESTERN UNION CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISES F F FULLER WATERBURY VERMONT WIRING  
MONEY DOCTOR W F GODDARD BARRON WISCONSIN STOP STPAUL ADVISED OF POSSIBLE  
CONNECTION DILLINGER DUE PECULIAR SIMILARITY FOUND IN REPORT AGENT SHIVERS  
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COPY OF TELETYPE MESSAGE SENT FROM NEW YORK DIVISION OFFICE  
TO ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE APRIL 24, 1934, 9:30 P.M. E.S.T.

DIVN INVEST NEW YORK CITY APRIL 14, 1934 9-30 P M

SAC ST. PAUL

WESTERN UNION CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED TODAY THAT F. F. FULLER,  
WATERBURY, VERMONT, WAS TRANSMITTING \$900.00 TO DR. W. F.  
GODDARD, BARRON, WISCONSIN. ACCOUNT NO FACILITIES AT BARRON  
MONEY ORDER BEING HANDLED TOMORROW THROUGH RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN.  
THIS OFFICE EXPECTS WILL LATER OBTAIN FROM WESTERN UNION AGENT  
AT WATERBURY LIST OF CURRENCY NUMBERS, ETC. FOR COMPARISON WITH  
RANSOM LISTS.

VALUE THIS INFORMATION NOT KNOWN BUT FOR PECULIAR SIMILARITY  
SEE AGENT SHIVERS REPORT FEBRUARY 23, 1934, PAGE 9, RE EDWARD DOLL,  
I. O. 1214, SAME AMOUNT, \$900.00, TRANSMITTED FROM DANVILLE, VERMONT.  
POSSIBLY CONNECTION DILLINGER.

FAY

END TEM

(FROM ST. PAUL) DO YOU KNOW CONNECTIONS OF F F FULLER

(FROM NEW YORK) NO INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ON HIM HERE.

OK RWM

*cc Division*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

John Dillinger, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
J. P. "DOC" BAKER, with alias,  
I. O. #12345; Edward "Doc" Barker, with  
aliases, I. O. #12345, et al.  
NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of memoranda prepared  
by Agents in the Cincinnati District as to various activities in connection  
with the location and apprehension of the above named subjects.

Very truly yours,

ELIAS HERTZ,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division  
Philadelphia  
New York  
St. Louis  
St. Paul  
Birmingham  
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Los Angeles  
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P. O. Box #704,  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1217;  
John Hamilton, with alias, I. O. #1220;  
Edward Van Meter, with aliases,  
I. O. #1222, et al.  
HARRY EDWARD THURMAN, known as  
"DOC" THURMAN, et al.

The following memoranda have been submitted by Special Agent in Charge A. J. Connelley of the Cincinnati Division Office, who is presently engaged on this investigation at Indianapolis, Indiana:

4-13-34, at 1:30 A. M., Agent J. F. Sears learned through the Police Radio that the Police Station at Warsaw, Ind., had been robbed and that the party was identified as John Dillinger, and that he was driving a large black sedan.

This information was immediately telephoned to the Chicago Office and they advised they would endeavor to learn the details.

4-13-34, S. A. C. Larson, Detroit, telephoned that Agent E. E. Hall had trailed Chrysler Coach, 1930 Indiana license #28334 (issued Claude A. Norton, Salem, Ind.) to Granville Ave., Muncie, Ind., from 501 Chandler St., Detroit; three men and one woman in car; that Hall would check same on this, but that an informant was going in from Detroit to contact "Doc" who shipped guns in the Michigan City Prison for break in September, 1933. Informant knew Clark before he went to the penitentiary. Informant was to call me at Indianapolis 4-13-34 when he gets out.

Special Agent E. E. Hall, who is stopping at Roberts Hotel, Muncie, called and advised that he checked at Salem, Ind., that Claude A. Norton, Florence Norton, his wife, E. Norton, father of Claude, and other men, possibly a woman, were in car. Claude is Manager of Smith & Wesson Gun Company there. Hall will leave for Ft. Wayne in A. M., 4-13-34, and check place they stopped there.

4-13-34. To date the informant from Detroit has not contacted me.

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4-14-34. Clint Jackson, Chief of Police, Elwood, Ind., telephoned that the Sheriff, Tipton, Ind., J. L. Cardwell, had important data which he recommended we handle and that he had told Sheriff to hold this for us, making an appointment for 12:00 Noon, 4-14-34. With Agent F. E. Johnson, interviewed Sheriff Cardwell who had suggested we have two or three men (Agent F. E. Wood also accompanying) and he says an informant, a former convict and associate of Billinger living in Tipton, Ind. had contacted George Boker, by name of Pearl Elliott and that Pearl, according to Boker, is arranging to deliver some guns to the gang; that he expects to have this information as to the hide-out shortly; that the hide-out, Boker, had the guns of his home. Boker lives with his son-in-law, George Bunker, Mayor of Elwood, Ind.; that the delivery of guns would be tonight, 4-14-34, at Elwood. The Sheriff and the informant called 4-14-34 and he says the hide-out Boker still guns would be delivered at 11:30 P.M., 4-14-34 to 1:00 A.M., 4-15-34; that the gang had hidden out along the river somewhere in vicinity of Lafayette last night, 4-13-34; that Pearl had asked the informant to drive her car but he would not go into the deal; that the Sheriff (Cardwell) would take his informant to Elwood, 4:30 P.M., 4-14-34, to give him an opportunity to again contact Boker. Although Boker had said this, the informant, he would be at Tipton at 10:30 P.M., 4-14-34, for some spoken had would see the informant. The Sheriff advised Chief of Police Howell and the Mayor were all right and would not with an even though his father-in-law was involved; that he, Cardwell, would contact us later at Elwood. Agents at Elwood, Ind. contacted John Howell, Chief of Police, who says Pearl Elliott is daughter of sister of George Boker, latter being father of wife of George Bunker the Mayor; that the Mayor would not with us; that the State Police had been advised by some informant Boker was the contact to Pearl Elliott and had several days ago planted men on the Mayor's house, but got nothing.

The Mayor, George Bunker, was interviewed for his reaction in this and he was very willing to act and by his actions proved himself reliable. Bunker was out with the Mayor's wife and his wife were out, a car drove into the filling station next to the house and which station was then and now is still. The Mayor's father noticed that because they blew their horn to attract some one in Mayor's house. They were out for possibly two and one-half hours. Boker went to 10:30 P.M. at the school house at a party but for this night was late in getting home. This car, which was large, was black, probably black, make, license number, etc. not known or seen, waited and after Boker came home and sat on the upper porch, they blew the horn again but Boker paid no attention and they left. This car was believed to have two people in it. (This night is the reported night Billinger and Evelyn Frechette arrived at the home of the father, J. W. Billinger, at Mooresville, Ind., which is about 65 miles south of Elwood.)





house at 422 South 24<sup>th</sup> St. and at one time rented this and had the filling station converted into two small rooms, which is place Tiny Cyphers rented, although having her home at Winifall about six miles from Elwood, also at 3-8-34 Lauren Cyphers, working at the tin plate factory, Elwood, and a permanent resident of Elwood, rented the big house at 422 South 24<sup>th</sup> St. He proves to be a cousin of Tiny Cyphers. At all, on the other side of the filling station, lives Absalom R. Hobbs, bootlegger and questionable character. The filling station is always closed with drawn curtains indicating possibly a hideout or place to conceal things, possibly the liquor the Cyphers peddle or other things. This is receiving careful attention.

Pearl asked Roeder to get in touch with her mother at breakfast and tell her, she, Pearl, was all right.

Sheriff Cardwell 4-14-34 brought his informant into Elwood and as per his instructions he had Roeder who would not talk at the house but went around the burger for this purpose and Roeder said to him everything was O. K., the guns had been delivered last night, 4-13-34, at the West School House.

We checked Roeder until he retired and Mayor is watching him closely. The small place is so situated as to make cover practically impossible without warning them, but we are covering this further through possible set up with some neighbor and the informant is going after Roeder, who treats him apparently.

The Cyphers, Tiny and her father, M., moved the furniture from Kokomo, formerly had in place of Pearl Elliott, to Winifall, six miles from Elwood, and two days later moved it to a farm supposedly owned or rented by Edward Cyphers at point where they located a farm reached by going six miles west of Winifall and turn on first cross road two miles - a large white house on southeast corner of a cross road.

Sheriff Cardwell indicates one Small who has a place on 44 West of Tipton on the South side of Middle Plate Railroad - white house facing east, double garage on the Northwest corner - is a fence for stolen goods and knows Pearl Elliott.

It had since been determined that Small has moved from the address in question and apparently there is nothing to his Small yet.

The place of Tiny Cyphers and her father has been observed from time to time as is possible where they are located on the farm and this is a place where it is practically impossible to plant, being an isolated farm and apparently no activity there. This will be kept in mind, of course, for a hideout.

It has been determined, as will be more fully covered in memoranda of Agents Johnson and Donegan, that the old filling station which was used for a time by the Cyphers woman was so occupied for the reason that when Lauren Cyphers rented the big house he believed that the filling station was to go with this.



They only used same for a short time and more recently this has been repaired by the son of the owner with whom contact has been made after initially locating him and he will observe any unusual activity at the place of business and will report to me.

Effort to locate the license on the car that Dr. Pearl Willmoth is being made by letter to all the counties in Indiana inasmuch as the alphabetical listings are maintained in the county registration offices and not at the state headquarters where the cars are listed as to motor and license numbers. The car is supposed to have been registered in the name of Belle McDonald, the mother.

4-16-54. The Police at Louisville, Kentucky, reported to Special Agent F. E. Hurley that a Doctor there had been approached by a party, whom they identify as Billinger, to make an X-Ray at his home at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, 4-15-54.

Together with Agents Smith and Barber, I proceeded on train to Louisville from Indianapolis arriving at 12:00 midnight, 4-15-54; contacted Capt. William A. Caltjen, who was handling the situation and who had made arrangements to cover the Doctor's office, Agents Hurley, Smith, Barber and myself being lined up with the Doctor as arranged and certain details were made to make sure he did not escape if he appeared at the time in question. Agents Barber and myself, together with Detectives A. W. Barnore and H. T. Jones, were planted in the office to take him when he had been placed on the Doctor's table. The doctor was cooperating fully. Capt. Caltjen was on the street with his men and Agents Hurley and Smith.

At this time, 4-15-54, I interviewed Dr. A. W. Willmoth, the Stark M.D., also his technician who handles the X-Ray work.

Anna L. Stewart, Technician in the office of Dr. Willmoth, advised that usually they close at noon on Saturday but that on Saturday, 4-16-54, they were in the office late and the Doctor was taking care of a patient and at 4:30 P.M. a party came into the office and stood close to the door, whom she believed was Billinger, from having observed his picture in the papers; this party was about 5' 10" in height, as best she could judge; he was wearing a light coat buttoned at the top, this being a light brown mingled with lighter color; about 250 lbs. in weight, tan hat, light tan color, and with brown hair. He had a mustache; she could not see his hair as he had his hat drawn down over his eyes. He stood with his right hand in his overcoat pocket at all times and was evidently holding a gun which he kept pointed at her; his right hand was behind him with his back to the door. He stood with right hand slightly raised; he kept watching in all directions and was continually catching every movement in the office and was very much on the alert; he asked if Dr. Willmoth was in and said that he wished an X-Ray taken of his knee; she advised him the Doctor was busy and could not be seen; he then stepped out of the office and from voices in the hall he was talking to two parties; he apparently left and in ten minutes he returned. He then said "is the doctor busy?", and she said "No", and the party then said, "Well, let him out". The party was at all times very dominating in his conversation with her.

Dr. A. D. Willmoth advised that when he came in to talk with this party, he was still standing with his right hand in his overcoat pocket and his left hand behind him. He was wearing a tan hat with a band of olive tan, a light olive coat of brown; he had on a blue suit jacket from the trousers he could see, and black shoes; the doctor identified the picture second from the right row of the group picture of Dillinger prepared by the Division; he says that he is satisfied that it was Dillinger as he recognized him also from newspaper pictures he had seen. This party said I want to get an X-ray of my knee as I am having trouble with it, but did not say what the trouble was; that he wanted an appointment for Monday at 10:00 A.M. and the doctor said I can't take care of you then because I have an operation for Monday, but I can take care of you on Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The doctor said I can take care of you now, but the party said no that he would come in Tuesday. The doctor said that his technician did this work for him ordinarily and he would arrange for her to take care of the party, but this party said to the doctor, "No technician is going to take care of me. You are the one that will take care of me"; this was about 4:30 P.M. The party wore his hat over his eyes and was constantly on the alert and watching every move in the office. The doctor says he watched him as he walked out and he did not limp. It was reported by Robert Dillinger that John when at Mooresville, Ind. had a light summer suit and a blue suit.

Watch was maintained as above indicated during the entire day but apparently some one through the police headquarters gave the reporters some tip of the possibilities and at 1:00 P.M. they all insisted they would report the matter in the afternoon edition if nothing happened by 5:00 P.M.; that they believed the police were watching the place for the appearance of Dillinger; however, they were not familiar with the doctor's name, who the party was supposed to contact; notwithstanding a promise from the editors of all three papers at Louisville that they would not publish any reference to this, the afternoon edition of the Herald Post carried a story of the fact that the police had covered the Stark Building for the appearance of Dillinger at some doctor's office. Nothing developed and subsequent developments showed that Dillinger was at Grosse Pointe, Mich., on Tuesday night, 4-17-34.

April 20 and 21, 1934. Harry Smith, 22 1/2, Box 204, Indianapolis, Ind., which is in the West Hill Section, is the father-in-law of Robert Dillinger, half-brother of John Dillinger. Robert Dillinger received his mail in the name box as Smith on the rural route in question.

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4-10-34. Confidential Informant [redacted] who had been in contact with Hubert Dillinger and gained his confidence, indicated that Hubert had invited him to come out to his house to stay while in the city, inasmuch as Hubert had taken his wife on 4-12-34 to Bloomington, Ind., to stay with her grandmother while the federal government was in court as to John Dillinger. [redacted] During this time had been stopping at the Harrison Hotel at [redacted] 11:00 P.M. [redacted] called and said that he was moving out to Hubert's place at Sun Hill today, 4-20-34.

4-21-34. Confidential Informant who was then driving the automobile of Hubert, contacted him at the hotel and in conversation with him on the street he indicated that Hubert believed that John was still in Chicago; that John was believed to be short of money; that Hubert had said that Herman Hunter had ridden to Chicago with John the night he left out of town on a Sunday night; that Herman had just for the ride; that the horse trip and John found in the wooded brush was intended for some local party, but he could not learn for whom that Hubert believed that John would return in about two weeks from the time he left.

4-19-34. Informant [redacted] called at 11:05 P.M. and advised that he had been out with Hubert Dillinger and that they had called at the father's place in Mooresville; that John W. Dillinger had stated that a woman reporter for the paper in Mooresville had talked with the father and he, the father, said he had told this woman of the visit of John to the house on 4-8-34; that the story had been obtained for the Indianapolis Star; that the woman made him believe she knew all about it in any way; that in conversation with them they had started to him, [redacted] that John had a sling in the back of the neck in addition to the wound in his leg; that John was out there on the Sunday in question and that they did not leave the city until Sunday night; that John left in the new Ford from the house that Hubert left in his car with Herman; who was the party who hid his face; that Hubert had told him of being in the car when it was wrecked and that they had been to La Porte, Ind., on the night in question and wrecked the car in returning.

Informant [redacted] before coming to Indianapolis had been to New York City, N.Y. and had contacted Frank Whitehouse; that Whitehouse wants to go into the stolen car racket with him and that he was to go to Chicago with Whitehouse; that later when he contacted Whitehouse as to this he could not go for the reason that the wife of Whitehouse was sick; but that he could get a letter from Whitehouse to Jerry [redacted] who would take him to various places where he knew he would have a good chance to contact Dillinger; however, inasmuch as he said he was friendly to Hubert and the indications were Dillinger had jumped Chicago, he was instructed to contact and maintain contact with Hubert Dillinger, the party with whom John generally makes his contact when coming to Indianapolis.



4-16-34. Mary Kinder left her home at 816 Duett St., Indianapolis, today and proceeded to the Union Station with her bag and bought a ticket for Lima, Ohio, and left on the train in question as per description of the Porter and the ticket agent, who sold her the ticket, she being known to the station agent. The Detroit Office advised as to this. She left at the 10:00 A.M. train.

4-18-34. Mary Kinder returned to Indianapolis with her bag at 8:00 P.M., 4-19-34, and is now at 816 Duett Street, which place is under surveillance.

The Cincinnati Office has circularized all branch managers of the State Auto License Bureau, State of Indiana, in an effort to ascertain whether one Hall or Halle McDonald has registered an automobile for the year 1934. Replies have been received from the majority of said branch offices and all of them state that they have no record of any such automobile registration.

With reference to Division letter dated 4-15-34 enclosing copy of a letter dated 4-15-34 addressed to Honorable Virgil Chapman, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., by Honorable Charles T. Gorn, Judge, Harrodsburg County Court, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, concerning George E. Williams, Daytona Beach, Florida, Special Agent A. E. Russell of the Cincinnati Office has made an investigation at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and has submitted a memorandum, as follows:

4-21-34. Agent interviewed Hon. Charles T. Gorn, Judge, Harrodsburg County Court, who advised that he had received information from various sources that Billinger is identical with a person who was born and reared in the southern section of the county and who is generally known here as Charley Hare. It is noted that this section of Harrodsburg County is in the direction of Lebanon, Ky. where Billinger is known and is known to spend some time. Judge Gorn stated that he had received this information from various persons the most reliable being George Chinn, Jr. who had spent some time investigating the matter and had come to the conclusion that Charley Hare and Billinger are the same person. Hare, according to Judge Gorn, is the illegitimate son of a woman by the name of Hare, who is now dead, and his father is alleged to be John Spratt. Hare, when he was eleven years of age, killed a cousin of his, who was about the same age, with a .22 calibre rifle. He was not prosecuted and was claimed that the death was caused by an accident. Hare became involved in the commission of various crimes in this county and left 12 or 15 years ago. He was generally known as a thief. John Spratt also became involved in the commission of various crimes and left the county going to Jefferson County and later to the State of Indiana. However, Hare has returned to this county at infrequent intervals and enlisted in the United States Navy with Arthur Hare, who is also known as Jake Hare in Lexington, Ky. Several years ago. When Hare returns to this county, he lives with George Roney who lives about four miles South of Harrodsburg on the Blue Grass Pike.

Judge Corn stated that Miss Alice M. Hursey, local Western Union Telegrapher, had advised that a party who resembled Dillinger and another person had sent a Western Union telegram to Mrs. George T. Williams, 300 Main St., Daytona Beach, Fla. Judge Corn issued a subpoena for Miss Hursey to produce this telegram in his court which she did and there had a photograph of it made by the local photographer, which is being retained in the Cincinnati file.

The telegram in question was sent at 2:30 P.M., 2-17-34, and was a collect message. It is quoted in full, as follows:

"Mrs. Geo T. Williams, 300 Main St., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Arrived ok but too late for services I love you.

It is noted that the person sending this message signed his name as "Joe" and sent it to "Mrs Geo T. Williams."

Miss Hursey was interviewed and advised that on the afternoon of Saturday, 2-17-34, at about 2:30 P.M., she had just returned from the bank with \$50.00 which she had just withdrawn. Two men entered the office and she at first thought that they were intending to hold her up and take the money. They had the general appearance of being hold-up men. One of the men addressed a telegram to Mrs. Geo. T. Williams, Daytona Beach, Fla. while the other man stood in the front of the office and looked out the window. She asked the man who addressed the telegram for a local address and he declined to give it stating that the telegram was addressed to his home. She became very suspicious of these men from their actions and when they left the office she started to follow them to their car or residence to secure more definite information but because her wires became busy she had to return to her office. She did not see them any more and did not know how they were traveling. However, she stated that on the following Monday she was reading the Literary Digest and found a picture of Dillinger and thought that he was the person who stood in the window while the other person sent the telegram.

Agent exhibited a photograph of Dillinger to Miss Hursey and stated that she could not positively identify it as being either of the men, but that it had a resemblance of the man who stood in the window. She stated that the man who sent the telegram was about 25 years of age, 5' 8" tall, weighing about 150 lbs., very slim build, with wavy hair, light complexion, and very friendly looking. It is noted that this description closely compares with that of Van Meter. However, she failed to positively identify the photograph of Van Meter.

Agent interviewed George China, Jr., who seemed very much interested in this matter. China stated that he was convinced that the party known in that county as Charley Hare and Dillinger were the same person. He stated that he had

exhibited the photograph of Dillinger to no less than 15 persons who lived in the portion of the county in which Hare was well known and that they had positively identified it as being that of Charles Hare. China stated that Hare returned to that county at frequent intervals and was at the home of George Honey on 4-7-34. He seemed convinced of this latter statement. China stated that they called the Police from Lexington, Ky. for the purpose of raiding the home of George Honey but that they decided not to raid the home after they arrived, stating that they were afraid that it was not Dillinger and that they had no jurisdiction. China also stated that John Hunter, former Sheriff, had stated that he saw Dillinger at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant in Harrodsburg, Ky. on Saturday, 3-17-34, the same date the wire was sent to Daytona Beach, Fla.

China stated that he would continue in his efforts and if he received any further information or when he could communicate with the Cincinnati Division Office and that if Charles Hare returned to this country again he would immediately notify the Cincinnati Division Office so that his identity can be established.

Agent interviewed John Hunter, former Sheriff, who stated that he was in the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, at about noon on Saturday about the middle of March and saw a man whom he was convinced was Dillinger. A photograph of Dillinger was exhibited to him and he did not positively state that the party whom he saw was Dillinger, but stated that he thought that he was. He stated that Dillinger was eating lunch in the Restaurant with another man while two men waited in a black Ford Sedan bearing Ohio license plates. He did not take the numbers. He stated that all four went on toward Danville in the Ford.

Mr. Willard Gabbard, Postmaster, was interviewed and advised that his records did not show where George Honey received mail. The mail carrier who delivers mail on the Wild Grass Pike has left the city and cannot be reached. Mr. Gabbard advised that he would secure the mailing information. He stated that he would have the mail to the Honey home watched and forward it to the Cincinnati Division Office. He promised to have the mail carrier watch the home of George Honey and take the license numbers of any car which came and forward same to the Cincinnati Division Office. Mr. Gabbard also stated that he had heard from newspapers that Charles Hare and Dillinger were the same person.

Mr. Gabbard will again be contacted for further information developed to ascertain the identity of Charles Hare.

There has been a rumor that the home of Frank Whitehouse, Lebanon, Ky., had been recently raided by the local authorities. Accordingly, Mr. Robert Gordon, Chief of Police, and Mr. E. S. Smith, Assistant Postmaster, were interviewed and both advised that the report of the raid at the home of Frank Whitehouse must not be true. Neither of them had heard of such a raid. However, the Chief of Police advised that Tom Patrick of the Internal Revenue had been raiding in Nelson County for moonshine stills and these raids must



have been confused by some informant.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Gordon did not have any additional information of value.

In connection with the above stated memorandum of Special Agent A. C. Russell, it should be noted that the Evansville Office has definitely determined that George T. Williams is a resident of Daytona Beach, Florida, and is not identical with Subject Billinger. A new file has been opened in connection with the stealing of a car at Daytona Beach, Fla. and transportation of same into Kentucky by George T. Williams and E. J. Mora.

Special Agents Chapman Fletcher, H. E. Roberts and E. E. Frenshull working at Dayton, Ohio, have found that Mary Longaker and Gladie Winstable have returned to Dayton and they are keeping Mary Longaker's apartment under surveillance. Nothing of importance has resulted therefrom.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley telephoned the Cincinnati Office on the 21st instant requesting a check-up on Ohio 1934 license plates #1163 and #A 59832. Special Agent H. B. Harris at Columbus, Ohio, ascertained and informed the Cincinnati Office by telephone that license plates #1163 were issued to Robert V. Brown, 331 Terrace Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, for a Dodge 1939 Sedan, motor #H 125387, serial #A 125125. The license plates were issued at Columbus, Ohio, on a Hamilton County bill of sale #H 4184. The Cincinnati City Directory gives the title "Rev." before the name of Robert V. Brown. Special Agent Harris also determined that license #A 59832 was issued to Eva Van Pelt, Fairfield, Ohio, for a Buick 1932 Sedan, motor # 44385, serial # 44385, on Montgomery County bill of sale #V3252.

Special Agent Chapman Fletcher was contacted by the Cincinnati Office at Dayton, Ohio, and he advised that Eva Van Pelt is said to be residing somewhere in the vicinity of Oshtera, Ohio. The information with reference to these two license plates was furnished to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley by telephone.

Special Agent H. B. Harris, Columbus, Ohio, has furnished a memorandum, 4-21-34, which is, as follows:

Confirming telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Indianapolis, Ind. tonight, records of Bureau of Motor Vehicles indicate the following:

1934 Ohio license 593-572 was issued to Dr. H. Damsel, 972 Highland St., Columbus, Ohio, for Chevrolet Coach, motor #1536414, serial 9 AD 12123.

Dr. Chas. H. Damsel is listed in the Columbus telephone directory at 1614 Highland St. Agent contacted Dr. Damsel at his office, 972 E. High St., Columbus,

and he advised that Mary E. Daniel is his mother, and that she was living with him at the above address until about three days ago; that she became angry with him because she could not convert him to her religion, being an "God's Bible School" and left his home that he last saw her on the morning of Friday, 4-20-34, at which time she was driving a new Ford V-8 which she said she had just purchased, trading in her Chevrolet. That she refused to tell her son where she had purchased the car, and also refused to tell him where she was living; that she did indicate that she was going to the God's Bible School in Cincinnati; further that his mother has lately been much under the influence of a cousin, [redacted] a street-crover preacher; that this cousin lived for 15 years in Los Angeles, and returned to Columbus and vicinity about 2 or 4 months ago, and that he has been preaching from the corner of Broad and High Streets; that [redacted] has mentioned going to California with this cousin, and may be in her way there now, although she has not let her son know of this trip. This man answers the description of the man in the car bearing the above license. [redacted] also answers the description of the woman seen in this car.

Special Agent in Charge [redacted] was advised telephonically of the above information.

Referring to wire from the Philadelphia Office 4-20-34 concerning key 148025, manufactured by Reading Pennsylvania Hardware Corporation, found in Mary Evelyn Frochette's purse, and the desire to check a key which was sold to the Lock Safe Construction Company, Paducah, Kentucky, 4-20-34 for the Pickneyville High School, Pickneyville, Ill., Special Agent E. J. [redacted] of the Cincinnati Office has made an investigation at Paducah, Ky., and submitted the following memorandum thereon:

4-21-34. Mr. Lock Safe was contacted at Paducah, Ky. and advised that the Pickneyville, Ill. High School job was the last construction work of any significance done by him after a search of his records in connection with the job, he was unable to locate any records with reference to the mentioned key or lock. He stated that so far as he knew, if the key was shipped, then the lock for which it was made was also shipped, and used at the Pickneyville High School; that he had no recollection of having received a surplus of locks, nor did he recall any job being that time or after in which a lock was applied near them at the said high school; that, undoubtedly, the locks bear a number on their face, and check at the Pickneyville High School might possibly result in establishing that the lock is in fact still there.

This agent felt that concerning any complaints such he had working for him at the time (1930) and he finally stated that one Clarence Nolan, a [redacted] about 35 years of age, 6' tall, slim build, with powder burn across nose and under one eye, was more or less a suspicious character; that he understood that Nolan originally came from Paducah, Tenn., and was married, and that



his wife had written Mr. Cole that Nolan was an ex-convict; that Nolan had a habit of becoming acquainted with bankers wherever he went, and was reported to have considerable money; that he understood Nolan is presently living or frequenting Anna, Carbonado at Pickingville, Mo., and is a member of the Kristlayers union; is quite a heavy manual worker.

In the interview with Mr. Cole, this agent exhausted all possible angles with reference to tracing the boy, without obtaining any results other than the above. Mr. Cole is a man of high reputation.

Very truly yours,

ALICE MORTON,

Being Special Agent in Charge

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MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. BOAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. [illegible]

*SPC*  
*W.S. - [illegible]*

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THAT ALBERT W. OREILLY MINNEAPOLIS NUMBER TWO FOUR FOUR FIVE DASH I  
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TWO FOUR FIVE FIVE SIX DISPOSITION MINNEAPOLIS ARREST RELEASED AGENT  
HALL RECALLS OCCASION OF ARREST REILLY BY MINNEAPOLIS PD AND STATES  
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CONFERENCE CALL TO DIRECTOR AND CLEGG

JOHN DILLINGER FUGITIVE NMVTA XXX

MR. WATMAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. GUNN  
MR. LISTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROSEN

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DI XXX JON XXX JOHN DILLINGER FUGITIVE NMVTA AGENTS REINECKE BROWN  
RICE LOCKERMAN AND FALKNER DEPARTED FOUR FIFTEEN PM TODAY ON CHARTERED  
PLANE FOR SAULT STE MARIE MICHIGAN TO COVER MATTER MENTIONED BY  
DISCUSSION WITH MR COWLEY THIS AFTERNOON. AS PER AUTHORITY GRANTED  
PLANE CHARTERED FROM BLUEBIRD AIR LINES PILOT McDONALD

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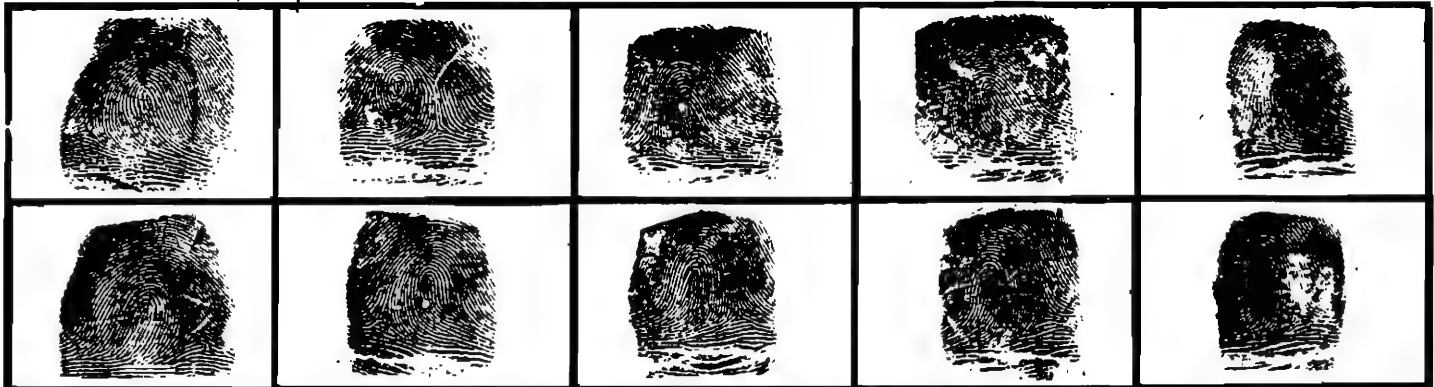
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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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**WANTED**

**ALBERT W. REILLY, with aliases  
PAT REILLY, PAT RILEY.**

**HARBORING FUGITIVE**



**DESCRIPTION**

Photograph taken March 31, 1932

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

Age, 26 years (1934)  
Height, 5 feet 7-3/8 inches  
Weight, 128 pounds  
Build, medium  
Hair, light chestnut  
Eyes, light blue  
Complexion, medium florid.



As Albert W. Reilly, #22456,  
arrested Police Department,  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 7, 1931; charge,  
investigation; released.  
As Albert W. Reilly, #24455-I-1,  
arrested Police Department,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
March 31, 1932; charge,  
auto theft; released.

*Albert W. Reilly*  
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Albert W. Reilly is wanted for harboring the fugitive John Dillinger at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 14, 1934. ST. C.  
Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division  
of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.  
If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the  
Special Agent in Charge of the Office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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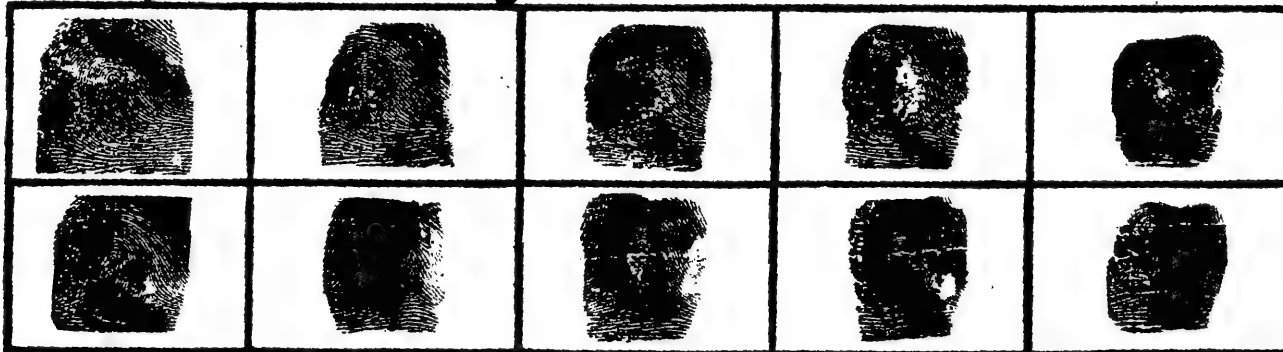
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**WANTED**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL, with aliases TOM CARROLL, JAMES ROY BROCK, JIM BROCK, FRANK SLOAN, FRANK SLOANE, GEORGE McLARKEN, J. C. McLARKEN, THOMAS MURPHY, THOMAS MURRAY.



### DESCRIPTION

Age, 37 (1933); Height, 5 feet 10 inches; Weight, 166 pounds; Build, medium; Hair, dark chestnut; Eyes, light blue; Complexion, medium; Scars and marks, 1 2 cuts upper; 1 arm. II Sev pit scars upper r arm; III prom scar on r lower jaw bone; scar on neck front; furrow upper lip; brows heavy and dist; scar center back of neck in hair; mouth turns to right.

### RELATIVES:

Mrs. Sally Carroll, wife,  
3242 South 16th Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

*Tom Carroll*



### CRIMINAL RECORD

As Thomas L. Carroll, #6497, arrested Police Department, Omaha, Nebr., Jan. 24, 1920; charge, investigation; sentence 60 days County Jail;  
As Tom Carroll, #52, arrested Sheriff's Office, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 24, 1921; charge, larceny; sentence 5 years;  
As Tom Carroll, #9912, received State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa, Feb. 8, 1922; crime, larceny; sentence 5 years; served 13 months - paroled;  
As Thomas Carroll, #13258, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21, 1924; charge, robbery; dismissed Dec. 10, 1924;  
As James Roy Brock, #22145, arrested Police Department, St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11, 1925; charge, suspicion-robbery; released Aug. 15, 1925, insufficient evidence;  
As Tommy Carroll, #5434, arrested Police Department, St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 18, 1926; charge, larceny of auto; released;  
As Frank Sloan, #1274, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 19, 1926; charge, investigation-concealed weapons; released to Police Department St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29, 1926;

As Tommy Carroll, #5434, arrested Police Department, St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 29, 1926; charge, bank robbery; acquitted Jan. 11, 1927 - turned over to U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Mo., and released on \$2500 bond.  
As Tom Carroll, #31265, received State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., April 1, 1927; crime, robbery-1st degree; sentence 5 years;  
As Frank Sloan, #1274, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Okla., May 21, 1930; charge, Dyer Act; sentence 2 years;  
As Frank Sloan, #36697, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, June 1, 1930; crime, Dyer Act; sentence 2 years;  
As Thomas Carroll, #23979, arrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minn., May 17, 1933; charge, investigation; released on bond June 12, 1933.

Thomas Leonard Carroll is wanted in connection with the murder of W. Carter Baum, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1934.

Carroll is also wanted for the murder of a police officer at San Antonio, Texas, December 11, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. J. R. Wiggins, Washington representative of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, telephoned to inquire concerning the arrest of Mr. H. G. Mortensen in St. Paul yesterday. I informed Mr. Wiggins that I made no statement concerning this matter.

I immediately telephoned Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and asked him to obtain how this information had reached the press. He stated that in addition to the St. Paul Office, the United States Attorney and his first assistant, Mr. Hammond, were the only persons acquainted with this information. Mr. Clegg stated he would make every effort to ascertain the source of this "leak." Mr. Clegg felt the advantage to be gained in keeping this arrest quiet is that Mr. Mortensen might, under fear of publicity, be a willing witness against Det. Oriley, who is a real hoodlum. In other words, he is willing to give his story to the St. Paul Office because he is in dire dread of the publicity, which of course would ruin him.

Mr. Clegg advised that Mr. Mortensen was appointed as City Building Commissioner by the Commissioner of Public Safety, a man by the name of McDonald, within the last several weeks. He is "hand in hand" with the present administration of the Mayor and Chief of Police at St. Paul. The rival party, of course, would be benefitted immensely if this story should break. Mr. Clegg said he had made inquiry in the office, and learned that the present administration would probably be more beneficial to our work since the present Chief of Police is at least honest, while there was some doubt as to the expected Chief of Police is a changed administration. If the story were given out, the present administration would charge that politics is involved, particularly since the election is next Tuesday. On the other hand, if the story is not given out, the rival party might make the same connection. The prospective Mayor for the rival party is a Mr. Mahan. Agent Hall advises that Mr. Mahan has selected his Chief of Police, who is not as good as the present one from our standpoint.

At this point in our conversation, Mr. Clegg stated a note had just been placed upon his desk advising that three newspaper men were at the office, requesting to see him. He assumed it to be in connection with this same matter. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that he neither confirm nor deny the story until he obtains further information as to its source. Mr. Clegg will immediately get in touch with the United States Attorney in this connection, and obtain either a denial or confirmation that the story originated from that office.

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I telephoned Agent in Charge Connelley at Indianapolis with regard to his request for additional men. I mentioned the fact that various sarcastic statements had appeared in the press criticizing our Agents for allowing Dillinger to contact with his father's farm, leaving there in the Ford sedan. I stated I felt the Agents who covered this farm on Sunday, April 8, were not "on their toes." Mr. Connelley stated the latest information is to the effect that this automobile was purchased in Indianapolis on Saturday, and, according to the half-brother, Dillinger was on the floor in the rear of the car, having with him also in the car his two nieces and another woman whom they didn't identify at that time, but who they now think was Evelyn Prochaska. I informed Mr. Connelley I would send him the additional Agents requested, but cautioned him to impress upon them the necessity of giving every possible attention to the matter.

I also spoke to Mr. Connelley concerning Dillinger's appearance at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, last Tuesday, at the home of Hamilton's sister. I mentioned the fact that the Chicago Office had questioned the advisability of prosecuting this woman for harboring Dillinger, and stated that we felt at Washington that she should be prosecuted, possibly as an example for the people around Indianapolis if they don't cooperate with Mr. Connelley. Mr. Connelley felt this would have a good effect. He stated he had already warned them that if they didn't cooperate with him they would be put in jail. Mr. Connelley stated our undercover man is with the brother. He mentioned the petition circulated requesting the Governor to pardon Dillinger, and stated he felt this was promoted by newspapers. I suggested that he give particular attention to this angle also. I instructed Mr. Connelley to remain in the Indianapolis territory unless the scene of hostility shifts. Mr. Connelley stated he would need additional equipment and I advised him we would either send it directly to him or have the Agents bring it with him. I stated that as requested, six Agents would proceed to Indianapolis. He asked that these Agents call him at the hotel from the station to arrange for their equipment to be taken care of.

I telephoned Agent in Charge Parvis at Chicago. He stated, with regard to the sister of John Hamilton at Sault Sainte Marie, that the United States Attorney is willing to prosecute if this woman is of bad reputation, or something of that sort. I informed Mr. Parvis that we desired her to be prosecuted, and directed that an order be issued immediately. Mr. Parvis stated he will leave two men up there until tomorrow, and direct three to return this afternoon. He is sending seven men to St. Joseph, Michigan to cover a hotel there tonight and tomorrow.

Mr. Parvis stated that a car containing men and women was seen at Brinley, nine miles west of Sault Sainte Marie, the night the Dillinger party left there, which car had stopped for gasoline. He is having a check made.



Mr. Cowley

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It appears that this party left their car down the hill, away from the house. They have therefore been unable to ascertain what type of car this was. However, they left one car there, which was purchased in Tennessee. Mr. Parvis will try to confiscate this car.

Mr. Parvis stated that Hamilton's sister has several children, ranging from two to sixteen years. Her husband is an iron worker, and was not at home at the time Dillinger was there.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director



MUNCIE INDIANA  
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Investigation by Special Agent in Charge in Charge of the Muncie, Indiana, Office.

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It will be noted in previous communications that the informant, a resident of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in Muncie on April 19th. He has anticipated contacting one Otto M. Cade, a former inmate of the Indiana State Penitentiary, who is closely associated with the Billingsworth outfit. He learned, however, upon his arrival here, that M. Cade was not in the city and was believed to be in Indianapolis, Ind. In lieu of M. Cade, he came in touch with one Temple, a Muncie (operating out of Muncie) who is also a former inmate of the same State Penitentiary, but operating as a bookie in Muncie. Upon reviewing his arrangements with this man, who was the informant's contact for a number of years and whom the informant knows to be a resident of a business district in this city, he learned from Temple that Billingsworth, Hamilton and Van Meter were alleged to be in Elkhart, Indiana. On Monday, April 23rd, the informant stated when communicating with me by telephone at Detroit that he was unable to secure any definite address but felt that the information was correct. This information was immediately dispatched by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Purvis in Chicago and the informant was instructed to make every effort to obtain more specific information regarding their location in Elkhart.

He was telephoned again in Detroit on Monday April 23rd, stating that he had had some long talks with his friend who believed that Billingsworth was still in Elkhart but that Hamilton was still in Muncie looking over the ground with a view to kidnapping a Mr. George Ball, who owned one of the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing (Ball Fruit Jar) and that Hamilton was alleged to be staying at the Justice Club which is a "joint" in Muncie which is located on East Main Street in the downtown district. As the informant felt that he could not talk satisfactorily over the telephone arrangements were made with division authority to meet him here. Upon my arrival he related the following substantially the same as set out above stating that the Justice Club is operated by one Russell Shepard and Pete Barker. That Shepard was also served a sentence in the Indiana Penitentiary and was associated with John Hamilton. Billingsworth and Van Meter were also in the city. He further advised that he has knowledge of the fact that Hamilton is not down to Muncie and that the chance of staying here without being recognized would be small. He said further that the matter he stated that Temple or Temple's brother who was in the business close acquaintance with the Billingsworth outfit, who is the informant, had established while confined with them in the penitentiary, did not hesitate to talk over certain confidential matters. During these talks and particularly when Temple had been doing a little drinking he told the informant that he had been contacted by some persons to act as an intermediary in a proposed kidnapping of George Ball but that he Temple had turned down the offer.

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Temple told the informant that one (name) Williams, an attorney in Muncie, who has offices on Main Street was going to take part in the kidnapping and as the gang could not get Temple to go through with the deal it was decided that Williams would be the party sent. It was during this talk that Temple stated that John Hamilton was in the city and staying at the Justice Hotel and that the Hamiltons, with Hillinger and perhaps Van Meter were going to be the actual kidnapers. Temple seemed to talk freely to the informant when he was told that the informant was also planning on negotiating a deal with the three fugitives on some bank job. The informant stated that as quickly as possible upon securing the above information he visited the Justice Hotel, which he could do without causing any suspicion as he is well acquainted with Russell, guard one of the owners and after spending several hours therein he could find no trace of Hamilton. He advised however that this story covered the entire second floor of the Royal Hotel and that there are some single rooms to which he was unable to secure access. He stated that he did not desire to mention Hamilton's name to anyone at that time but that he will do so in due season.

My last meeting with the informant was on Wednesday evening, April 15th, at which time in the presence of Special Agent in Charge Connelley he stated that he had been to Indianapolis with some gangster friends out of Muncie. Friends of these persons knew Mary Kinder and that upon their arrival in Indianapolis, they called at Mary Kinder's home and took her to some night club. That upon their departure from Indianapolis Mary Kinder had stated that she would also then later in Muncie and from the general conversation the informant concluded that she would visit one Hugh Barry at Muncie, a former inmate of the State Penitentiary, who is now operating a speakeasy in Muncie. After briefly interrupting the informant it was concluded that he had not actually seen Mary Kinder for two reasons, one being that she was reported to be out of the city, evidently at this time, and the other that the description furnished of her by the informant did not correspond with her known description. Upon departing, the informant stated that he was going to visit Barry's place which is located in the red-light district in the colored section of Muncie and secure further information with respect to the above. Barry, the informant advised, is well known to him. Agent in Charge Connelley, agent Whitson and myself proceeded to a point near Barry's place which had been pointed out to us by the informant earlier in the evening and waited there to observe developments. After waiting for some time we did not see the informant and when it was ascertained that he was giving up the "raid", I visited Barry's place, under the pretext of [redacted] I asked Barry if the party from Indianapolis had been to see him yet. He said, "Yes". I asked him if the party was I saw and he said, "Yes". I told him that we had a couple of men who were out of prison for a couple of years, adding that he had a place on Main Street, but that the negotiations for this hideout had fallen through. To this he remarked "yes, Russ has talked to me about taking care of a couple of men and I told him that I'll go for it, if there is enough money involved."

This conversation took place in the front part of Berry's speakeasy and I at this point told him that I would like to talk to him further in the back room. He agreed to this and upon entering the back portion of the building I was surprised to see the informant sitting at a table drinking a glass of beer. Berry invited the informant to step out into another room and our conversation continued. I asked him if he knew Harry Kinder and he said he did not. I then told him that I was a stranger in Miami and was not sure if I was in the right place but added that the name Hugh Berry had been given to me as a person who could be thoroughly trusted and who had been previously talked to by the gang. He said that as far as he knew there was no other Berry operating a joint in Miami and that undoubtedly he was the person to whom I was referred. He seemed to understand the situation thoroughly and in real gangster style did not ask many questions. It appeared to me quite evident from his statement and reactions that he was expecting someone to call upon him. At this opportune time I told him that he could guess who the two men were that I wanted to hide out and he nodded, indicating that he understood. I then asked him if he knew John. He stated that he did not but that he was well acquainted with Hamilton, Pierpont, House and Bailey and that he was to talk about his knowledge of them in the penitentiary. Following this little talk, he stated that the men who had approached him sometime ago about taking care of a couple of persons and in his place earlier that evening and stood around as if he wanted to talk further about arrangements but there were some customers there and the men finally walked out. Berry said that he had a little place where he could handle two men for at least a couple of weeks. In order to avoid any suspicion it was not deemed advisable to try to determine just who the two men were and whether it was Millinger and Hamilton. Berry appeared to be friendly toward me in every sense and when I left I told him to tell Harry Kinder that "Win" had gone back to Indianapolis and also instructed him to treat the matter very confidentially and not to mention my talk to him to anyone which he agreed to do. I felt in view of his talk that Harry Kinder would not contact him, hence no suspicion could be created by my visit.

I have concluded that there are two possibilities regarding the men referred to by "Boss" in talking to Berry. Either they are Hamilton or Millinger, in view of the fact that Hamilton is alleged to be staying at the Fastlane Club which is operated by Russell Shepard who is sometimes known as "Boss" or that two other men are coming in to Miami to take part in the kidnaping and require to be undercover during the period prior to the offense. It may also be possible that the hideout referred to is a place where Bill would be held captive. There is also another angle. It has been determined that there is one person still operating a joint in this city who is known to Berry and it might be that it is this individual to whom Berry referred to as "Boss". Nothing further was heard from the informant until midnight last night, when he contacted me stating that he had gone back to Berry's place the day following my visit in an attempt to secure his father's name. Berry is laboring under the opinion that the informant is a fugitive and is being sought and is hanging out in the vicinity of the colored district. The informant stated that although he gave Berry several openings to approach the subject concerning my visit, the night before, Berry did not say a word about it. The informant feels that this is favorable, stating that if Berry was in any way suspicious he would have called his (informant's) attention to me. The informant states that Berry who is half Indian and half negro, is a very closed mouth individual and if he were told to say nothing about my visit, chances are he would not do so to anyone.



The informant last night indicated more courage than he had heretofore shown and departed stating that he was going directly back to Harry's place and would inform Harry that he was going to attempt Hamilton's escape as a certain bank job. He also said that he will visit Harry at his friend Temple and interview him closely to determine if Hamilton is still in the city, telling Temple that he would like to have him out of jail and give him the information in the case. He also said that he was going to see Hamilton. The informant said that Hamilton will be glad to see him. The informant further informed that he had learned in a previous talk with Temple and also from one "Sherry" who works for Hamilton in the factory that Millinger and his outfit were planning on a payroll robbery at the Chrysler motor plant at Green Castle, Indiana. He said that "Sherry" had told him that Hamilton had stated that because of the many courts on duty at the Chrysler plant the job would be quite tough. Informant was unable to secure any definite lead regarding this alleged robbery.

On Wednesday morning, April 19th, Special Agent John Smith at Indianapolis received a telephone call from Detective Collins of the Evansville Police Department stating that information had reached him regarding an alleged possible kidnapping in Evansville and requested Agent Smith to proceed there immediately. The agent promptly dispatched the matter with Special Agent in Charge, Connelley, at Indianapolis and was instructed to meet him here upon his arrival. Mr. Connelley was familiar with the information previously furnished by the informant regarding the proposed Hall kidnapping and also that the attorney, Gene Williams, was to take part in the same. In order to avoid having his identity known here, Agent Smith alone, called upon Detective Collins and Chief of Police, Frank Haggerty. He was then informed that a very reliable attorney in Evansville had contacted Collins on the day previous which was Wednesday, April 18th, and with the promise from Collins that his name would never be divulged and that Collins would not mention the matter to any other person, he stated that he had a letter of extreme importance to report, advising that attorney, Gene Williams, heretofore mentioned, while in an intoxicated condition told him that while at the Elks Club in Evansville, on Sunday, April 15th, one E. V. Smith, a former dentist in Evansville, but now residing at Union City, Indiana, 25 miles east of Evansville told Williams that on the following day, Monday, a stranger who was alright would be in to see him at his office. Williams further told his attorney friend that on Monday a stranger did come to his office, stating that Williams had been highly recommended and that he was wanted as a payoff man in a proposed kidnapping of Mr. George J. Hall who is secretary and treasurer of the Hall Brothers Manufacturing Company in Evansville. Williams told his attorney friend that he did not want to go into the proposition and told the stranger to come back in about a week. Williams said that he also told his office immediately and did not keep the proposition and that he had not seen the stranger since, advising that he did not know the man. The attorney told Williams was telling the story about him if the stranger could have been Millinger or Hamilton and Williams stated that he did not resemble pictures of either of these men which he had seen in the newspapers. It was learned that Gene Williams was convicted about 10 years ago, evidently in Federal court in Indianapolis on a post office robbery and sentenced to serve 5 years in either Leavenworth or Atlanta.

It was also learned that Williams was disbarred from practicing law after conviction but was reinstated about one year ago. The information is that he does not have much of a law practice and that he is considered more as head of a gangster. The latter was about fifteen years of age, married and had a son. Age a member of the Board of the State Department of Health. That he had been considered a close associate of gangsters and that they were in contact.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION:

of police stated that both Smith and Williams are very capable of carrying out a kidnapping. Smith is well known, voluntarily in full cooperation with the demands of Mr. Hall and probably he was acting as a go-between. Williams and the chief of police informed Agent Massey that they had information regarding the matter in a confidential way. Information was given to the informant. It was known to the police that Mr. Hall, a known gangster, was in the area and usually goes to and from his place of residence. He is a Chicago resident. Approximately three miles and that he is frequently seen driving around alone during the night time. In view of the above, the police decided to follow him back to anyone familiar with his movements. The Hall family is located at 12345 W. 12th, which is in the vicinity of Madison. At the residence of the police, Agent Massey accompanied them to the office of Mr. Hall and he was again informed of the seriousness of the matter. Hall, however, did not seem to become greatly worried assuming that it was perhaps that it was just another wild rumor but stated that he would take precaution. The chief of police informed him that he would be glad to furnish him such guards as he might desire and stated that he would do everything in his power to prevent a kidnapping. Mr. Hall, however, did not feel that he needed a guard, particularly at this time but he was somewhat nervous. He was very nervous about the matter. Agent Massey, at once, gave him the information regarding this proposed kidnapping which was previously furnished by the informant.

It will be significant to note that the informant called me at Detroit two days before Attorney Williams had related the matter to his attorney friend who reported same to Detective Collins and in view thereof there is every indication that the informant's friend, Massey, was giving him current information. One very interesting note is that when the informant called me on Monday, April 10th, in addition to talking about this proposed kidnapping of Mr. Hall he also stated that Attorney Williams was in the area. It was then that this information reached the informant before the Chicago call from Williams. It will be noted that the information furnished me by the informant regarding this proposed kidnapping of Mr. Hall, April 10th, was furnished to the Chicago office on the same day and the Chicago office, then it was very apparent that the Chicago police were very desirous of turning the matter over to this division, and to cooperate in every respect. I arranged to call upon Chief of Police Massey, and Detective Collins for an interview. It was at first thought desirable to secure the name of the attorney who had confidentially related the matter to Collins for the purpose of securing any further details which he might have. This angle was carefully discussed with chief of police Massey and Collins.

It was very clearly indicated by these two men that they desired to cooperate in our request but it was felt that because in view of the very definite assurance to the attorney by Collins, that he would not release the information to anyone else that it would be inadvisable to attempt to interview him. His name was furnished agent Horton and myself by Kasey and Collins in the effort to locate him as they were former prosecuting attorneys in Kaskia County & Kaskia, Ill. City Judge, who understood that although Ogle does not have much contact with Collins, that Collins usually when intoxicated seems to talk as if he will confidential matters to him. There might also be the possibility that Collins is still planning on going through with the deal and told Ogle that he had turned it down which conversation he, William would probably refer to in the event the kidnapping takes place and he, William is accused in any way. This of course is a remote possibility but ought to be given some thought. William's office is located in the Belmont Block at 414 Belmont Street. I have reached the conclusion that in order to get this matter from becoming publically known, it will be better not to interview him. At the present time Collins is supposed to be the only man who knows anything about it and he, Collins knows that if Ogle ever knows of it from another source, he of course will assume that Collins betrayed his confidence in him. This Collins does not want to be under any circumstances and for this reason I feel that it can be well assumed that neither Collins or Kasey will do any further talking about the matter. It seems that Ogle has always taken a liking to Collins and when he told him about this affair, Ogle stated, "you just keep your eyes and ears open and when you hear of the kidnapping you will have a good lead to start on from the information which I have given you and in then solving it, it will mean a feather in your hat."

It was learned in a round about way that the man Harry previously mentioned established close associations with Mr. Smith whom he Smith was on the Kaskia Board of Safety and Harry was somewhat of a political boss in the colored section. This perhaps is an angle to bear in mind in regard to the supposed arrangement with Harry to hide out a couple of men. Chief of police, Kasey, stated that about two or three years ago it was alleged that Smith was harboring certain criminals at his farm in Union City, Indiana. That on one occasion the Kaskia police raided this farm but for no use. It is also alleged that Mr. Smith is associated with Kirby Davis who is a known gangster around Kaskia and was formerly associated with Gerald Chapman and Dutch Anderson. It will be noted in report of agent Mc Intyre, Chicago, dated about 3-11-34 that the name Kirby Davis is mentioned as living at number 804 3rd St. Fort Wayne, Indiana. This report is based on a telephone communication to the Chicago office from Detroit and originated at the time that special agent, D. J. Hall of the Detroit office followed Glendon Horton from the Clark residence at 131 Chandler to Kaskia. It will be noted that on this trip the above named Horton stopped at 804 3rd Street, Fort Wayne, staying only a few minutes and then departed. When making further inquiries concerning this place agent Hall determined that one Kirby Davis resides there and that he was an associate of Chapman and Anderson. In my letter to either the Division or the Chicago office prepared at that time, it will be noted that this house was suspicious to a neighbor and also to the mail carrier. Further details concerning this angle will be found in my letter and agent Mc Intyre's report above referred to.



Another significant angle concerning Fort Wayne is that in the summer of 1938 William [redacted] Mary [redacted] and [redacted] were returning from Chicago to Dayton, Ohio. [redacted] stopped at an old grey house in Fort Wayne. It will be noted in my letter concerning Agent Hall's trip to Miami that he followed Claude Horton, then Agent Hall found that this grey house described by Agent Klein of the Cincinnati office [redacted] as reflected in his report dated about 12-15-38, is the same place where William Horton stopped. It will be noted that Opal Long was at 283 Chandler Street when Horton departed for Miami and there is the bare possibility that she might have given him a note to deliver to Kirby to be given to [redacted]. For the above reason it is felt that the Chicago office should take some action on the house at 404 W. 4th Street, Fort Wayne.

With further regard to the proposed kidnapping of Hall it might here be stated that the Hall brothers have a \$75,000,000.00 policy and are considered among the first five wealthiest families in the United States. I planned to have a personal talk with Mr. Hall yesterday but learned that he had left the city and was not expected to return for a few days. It is respectfully requested that a search be made at the Identification Unit at Washington for Hall photographs concerning [redacted] who it will be noted has served a sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary and also probably at Atlanta and Leavenworth. The only description I have of [redacted] at the present time is age 30, height 5' 4", weight 140, swarthy complexion, hair black also concerning Gene Williams who is alleged to have served a term at either Atlanta or Leavenworth on a mail robbery. Williams' description is given as age about 28, height 5' 4", weight 130. Both of the above named men as far as can be learned have practically always resided in or around Miami. It is suggested that in event a record is found of either of these men that photographs with complete descriptions be forwarded the Detroit, Cincinnati and Chicago offices.

All of the matters at Miami are being given careful attention and Agents are being dispatched here from Indianapolis by Special Agent in Charge Connolly during such periods as their services are necessary. Close contact is being maintained with Mr. Connolly at Indianapolis and with Special Agent in Charge, Purvis, at Chicago.

Very truly yours

Wm Lareau  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Old Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum of April 20, 1934, relative to the case entitled John Willingham, I. O. 2417. In connection therewith, particular reference is made to the suggestion appearing in the penultimate paragraph that efforts be initiated to locate records as to Mr. I. Y. Smith and John Willingham.

Please be informed that according to the information furnished in your memorandum, the Division has been unable to locate in its Identification Unit any information relative to either of these persons. The Identification Files fail to indicate that either Mr. I. Y. Smith or John Willingham served a term at any time in any Federal institution. There are, however, in the Identification Files several records of individuals of these and similar names who served terms in institutions in the Middle West, including terms in Indian prisons.

It is suggested that every effort be made to secure additional information with reference to these persons and that the Division be advised therewith as soon as possible for the purpose of the establishment of an identification in these cases.

Very truly yours,

cc-Chicago.

cc-Mr. Clegg, St. Paul.

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Director.

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Iowa City, Iowa,  
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Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Concerning the escape of Dillinger from  
✓ "Little Bohemia Resort" run by Winetka on Spider Lake,  
closest R. R. station Mercer, in Iron County, Wis.

It would appear Winetka was not a stranger  
to Dillinger, who had visited that section previously.

The writer is familiar with the surrounding  
country having staid at Deer Park Lodge, resort, on  
Manitowish Lake. Spider Lake, in which I have fished,  
is not far north of Manitowish Lake. Spider empties  
into Stone Lake, and Stone empties into Manitowish.  
north to south. Koerner's (not Turner's Resort) is  
on Stone Lake. This resort, I have understood, when  
in that section, is a hang-out for gamblers et al from  
Chicago and doubtless "Little Bohemia" is in the same  
class. These resorts are an over-night ride from  
Chicago, on the Ashland Division of the C. & N. W. Ry.  
Closest R. R. stations are Mercer and Manitowish.

Dillinger  
John

Very truly yours,

*W. N. Carson*  
W. N. Carson.

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Mr. Robert E. Carson,  
Post Office Box 538,  
Leam City, Iowa.

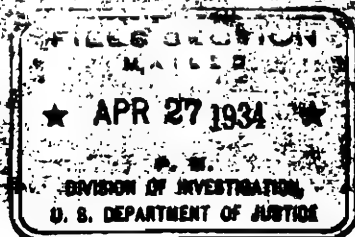
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated  
April 24, 1934, furnishing information concerning the "Little  
Bohemia Resort" and surrounding territory, for which I desire  
to express my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

Edgar Hoover

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
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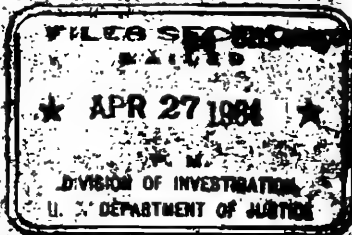
Dear Sir:

There is attached for your information a copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert B. Carson, Post Office Box 550, Iowa City, Iowa, wherein you will note in reference to the Lechner Resort on Wagon Lake, Wisconsin, it being a hang-out for gamblers and others from Chicago, and that in his opinion the "Little Bohemia Resort" is in the same category.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MR AND MRS EMIL WANATKA, GEORGE BAZSO AND FRANK TRAUBE IDENTIFY PHOTO  
GEORGE NELSON IN CHICAGO POLICE BULLETIN AS ONE OF DILLINGER GANG AT  
LITTLE BOHEMIA RESORT. MR AND MRS PAUL LANGE STATE NELSON FORCED THEM  
TO DRIVE HIM TO KOERNERS PLACE ABOUT ELEVEN PM SUNDAY NIGHT. MR AND MRS  
PAUL LANGE, MR AND MRS ALVIN KOERNER, GEORGE LAPORTE, GEORGE BAZSO,  
FRANK TRAUBE AND EMIL WANATKA IDENTIFY CHICAGO POLICE BULLETIN  
PHOTO OF GEORGE NELSON AS INDIVIDUAL WHO FORCED KOERNER AND WANATKA  
FROM KOERNER HOME FOR ESCAPE IN LAPORTE AUTOMOBILE. KOERNER AND  
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April 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Newberry, of the International News Service, called wanting the latest report on the incident in Wisconsin. He was advised that no information was available at this time.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
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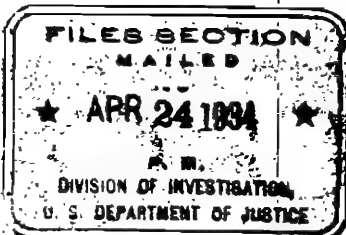
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Mr. F.J. Connor, Washington representative of the Chicago Daily News, telephoned to inform me of a statement today released by Mr. Keenan on the Billinger matter, and which was later cancelled. The statement, as read by Mr. Connor, was in effect as follows: "I don't know when we will get him [meaning Billinger], but we will get him. You can say for me that I hope we get him under such circumstances that the Government won't have to stand the expense of a trial. We have 306 men. I think this necessitates more operatives. These 306 men have to cover 130,000,000 people." Mr. Connor stated Mr. Keenan advised him that the number of Agents, as included in his statement, was probably wrong since he knew the force is being increased all the time. Mr. Connor suggested there might be an interesting story in the fact that this statement had been cancelled. I informed Mr. Connor I felt we were able to handle our work with the present number of Agents, and I felt the loss said about such matters, the better.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MR. NATHAN\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK\_\_\_\_  
MR. RORER\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Chicago and gave Mr. Purvis the information obtained from Mr. Rorer to the effect that a note was found under the rug in Dillinger's room, containing the following information:

" Under the rug in Dillinger's room was found a little penciled notation at the top of which appeared the words 'Red Hair', and that under that appears 'Perl Hellman', with a little 'a' over the top of Perl indicating that it should be Pearl. Then the address 305 Harrison Street, Wishawka, Indiana, appears. Under that there is a notation which looks like a telephone number, 'ked 7357', there is a line drawn under that and beneath the line there appears '3307 Wine Boulevard, Apartment 705'."

I also advised Mr. Purvis of the letter written to Lieutenant Piquette which was found in Dillinger's room. Mr. Purvis advised that the wrist watch and two rings mentioned in this letter had been obtained and were now in the possession of the Marshal.

Mr. Purvis advised that the two cars which were taken were being brought into Chicago, that the Buick coupe is a very good car and that he plans to use it.

I inquired as to the informant at Columbus, and Mr. Purvis stated that he would get in touch with him soon and advise him that he would have to produce the goods before any more money would be paid.

In addition to the above I gave Mr. Purvis the description which Mr. Rorer gave of the individual named Pat, who it is thought might be Pat Riley.

With regard to the shooting of the C.C.C. worker, Mr. Purvis advised that there was no question that the individuals in the car heard the command to halt, and that there was no other alternative than to stop them when they refused to halt as Dillinger could have been in that car.

Mr. Purvis stated that he could not state definitely that any persons had left the rear of the building as he was on the other side and could not see from his position. In regard to the shooting of Agents Baum, Newman and the constable, Mr. Purvis advised that he had left before the complete inquiry into that affair had been finished and that he could not state definitely just what had happened.

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Mr. Purvis further advised that he had sent all his men who had returned with him to bed, with the exception of five, whom he was retaining at the office with himself to meet Agents White and Waters when these two agents came in with the confiscated car containing the bags and luggage which was found, that they were going to unload the stuff as quickly as possible and put it under lock and key until morning when it would be searched and processed for fingerprints.

Mr. Purvis advised that Agent Baum's body would arrive in Chicago sometime late tomorrow night, that he had sent some agents out to talk with Mrs. Baum who advised that she desired to accompany the body to Washington, and that she wished to proceed here with it on Wednesday on the Capitol Limited. Mr. Purvis stated that Agent MacIntyre would accompany the body and Mrs. Baum to Washington.

Mr. Purvis suggested that additional fingerprint equipment be forwarded to St. Paul immediately as their equipment had been in the car which was stolen.

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Respectfully,

S.P.Cowley.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Larson called from Muncie and advised that he had an appointment for yesterday afternoon with his informant but that the informant called him hurriedly yesterday afternoon at 4:00 P. M. and advised that he had to leave right away; that the informant could not give him any information over the telephone but stated that he would return tonight.

Mr. Larson advised that his informant had been advised by a porter at the Pastime Club that ammunition was being shipped there. He was asked whether this had been verified and Mr. Larson stated that he had been instructed to see the porter and find out where the ammunition had come from.

Mr. Larson will call the Division as soon as his informant returns tonight.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHI. CAGO, ILL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/18/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. E. WATKINS</b>
TITLE: <b>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. 1817, JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. 1220, HOMER VAN Meter, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I.O. 1222, et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Geraldine Railer arrested Valparaiso, Indiana, P.M. about 5 a.m. April 19, 1934, at which time she told Valparaiso police officers that she was a friend of JOHN DILLINGER. Geraldine Railer, upon being questioned by agent, advised only association with DILLINGER, and further questioning disclosed that she did not know DILLINGER and was merely trying to talk her way out.</p>			

## DETAILS:

Agent proceeded to Valparaiso, Indiana, and there interviewed **GERALDINE RAILER**, who had been arrested by the Police Department at Valparaiso, Indiana, about 5 a.m. April 19, 1934. She was stationed at Morris Street and 11th Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana. Geraldine Railer told the police that she has known JOHN DILLINGER for the past four years; that as late as two years ago she traveled about the country with him and was with him the night that DILLINGER was held up at the police station at Warsaw, Indiana, and took therefrom guns and ammunition. She further told the Valparaiso Police that her home is Lansing, Michigan.

Upon being interviewed by agent, Geraldine Railer stated that she is 19 years of age and resides with her father, James Railer, and her stepmother, Myrtle Railer, at 416 South Chipman Street, Owosso, Michigan; that her father is employed in a furniture factory at Owosso, the name of which she could not recall; that she graduated from grammar school at the age of fifteen; on Saturday, April 14, 1934, she left her

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home about 7 P.M. and started to hitch-hike towards Chicago, where she intended to secure a position of domestic doing housework; that prior to starting on this hitch-hike she had gone on a similar tour the early part of December, 1933, when she was gone for two or three days, returning home at that time; that in many instances when she was picked up on the highway by a man who would drive her some distance, she generally would be taking moral lessons from the man; that she was picked up by a man who was driving a car when she left home on Saturday night, April 14, 1934, she proceeded towards Ft. Wayne and from Ft. Wayne she went to Plymouth, Indiana, and a short distance out of Plymouth, Indiana, she was picked up about 1:30 in the morning, April 17, by a man and his wife, whose name she could not give, but stated they resided in Chicago Heights, Illinois; Geraldine Bailer advised agent that when she left home she left penniless, and when arrested she had \$1.00 in her pocket, which she claimed to have secured from the man and his wife who resided in Chicago Heights, Illinois; that while passing this couple she stayed for four or five hours with a traveling station attendant about five miles out of Plymouth, Indiana, towards Valparaiso, Indiana, on Route 20, during which time she had several conversations with this attendant; When she was picked up by the Valparaiso, Indiana, Police Department she had no thought whatever of John Dillinger. She was picked up Valparaiso Police Officers Freeman, Lane, and Jerome Franks, and when these officers started to quiz her, one of them made the remark, "Suppose she was waiting at the gas station for John Dillinger to come along". She stated that when they mentioned John Dillinger, she then told them stories about knowing him, having been with him in Chicago as late as two years ago (at that particular time Dillinger was in the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana), and that she had traveled about the country a good deal with him; that she claimed to have been with him at Warsaw, Indiana, about ten days ago when he held up the police station there, obtaining guns and ammunition. She stated further that she told the police many stories concerning Dillinger, which she had read in the newspapers and were all lies, claiming that she had never seen Dillinger and would not recognize him if she saw him; that she had never been with him and had never known or met any of his associates. She stated her reason for telling the police this story was that it was perfectly apparent to her that when she started to talk about Dillinger they seemed to be very gullible and she "struck them dead". She stated that agent was that they took her Dillinger story about him and others.

Agent verified the fact that Geraldine's father resides at 918 South Chipman Street, Owosso, Michigan, through a letter that she had written to her father while she was incarcerated in the County

cell at Valparaiso, Indiana. In this letter she advised her father of her arrest and about receiving the police officers of Valparaiso, Indiana, with the story she had told them about Dillinger. There is no question in agent's mind that she was telling the truth when she stated that she did not know Dillinger and that the stories she had related to the police concerning her companionship with him were all lies.

From agent's observation this girl appears to be a typical country girl, who thought she could possibly gain notoriety through stating that she had associated with Dillinger. She was poorly dressed, her dress being torn in two or three places, as well as her blouse. Her general appearance was unkempt and she would not be the type of woman Dillinger would associate with. She might be termed as of the derelict type. She related to agent that for several years past she has been having immoral relations with many of the men about Duane, Michigan.

Agent interviewed Neil Fry, Sheriff of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, both of whom had interviewed her at length prior to agent's arrival and they both stated that her story to them was the same as that related to agent, and that it was their opinion also that she was seeking notoriety and that the police officers of Valparaiso call for her story.

Agent conferred with Mr. W. L. Felton, Chief of Police, and he advised agent that the story Geraldine Bailer had related to his officers was more or less "framed" but felt as though our office should be notified and that she be interviewed by representatives of this Division before being turned loose, as something might develop concerning the Dillinger investigation. Chief Felton was present during part of the interview by agent of Geraldine Bailer, and after the interview was completed he advised agent that he could see now that the story she told his men was not the truth. Chief Felton then notified the Sheriff at Valparaiso to turn this girl loose, which Deputy Sheriff Reynolds advised would be done.

The following description of GERALDINE BAILER was obtained from agent's personal observation and interrogation:

Age: 19 yrs.  
Height: 5'3"  
Weight: 150 lbs.  
Build: Stocky  
Hair: Blond and bobbed  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Light



Nationality:

Scars:

Teeth:

Dress:

Remarks:

Has a small lump on forehead above  
left eye; has a similar lump on  
right side of her nose.

Has two gold teeth, lower.

Wore red coat with matching red baret;  
also wore black and white striped  
woolen dress.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent T. P. Sullivan, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 24, 1934, in the case entitled JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, Fugitive, Identification Order #1217, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act - Obstruction of Justice, which reflects investigation conducted at Valparaiso, Indiana to determine whether Geraldine Miller has any connection with subject Dillinger or members of his gang. While it does not appear that she is acquainted or has any connection with subject Dillinger, the Division desires to emphasize the necessity for obtaining complete descriptions, including fingerprints of individuals of this character, which was not done in this case, as it may be that she will enter the investigation again at a later date. There appears to be no excuse for not having obtained the fingerprints in this case, and the Division desires an explanation why such action was not taken.

You probably are aware that when Evelyn Frechette was arrested at Tucson, Arizona with subject Dillinger on January 25, 1934, her fingerprints were not forwarded the Division and consequently were not readily available when they were urgently needed on a later date.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

TNS:TAM

April 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

### MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Reference is made to your request as to whether the Division had a record and photograph of Pat<sup>O</sup>Reilly alias Pat<sup>O</sup>Riley, who is the all-round handy man for Harry Sawyer, the well-known St. Paul gangster. A search of the files reflects that Pat Reilly's name had not come up prior to the developments in the Dillinger case at St. Paul, Minnesota about two weeks ago. The reports received do not reflect a description, criminal record or police number, nor has a photograph been received from the St. Paul Office.

With your consent, I called Mr. Clegg at St. Paul today for information concerning this, and he stated the St. Paul Police Department did not have a record of arrest of Pat Reilly and that no photograph of him had been located; that Reilly was a former mascot of the St. Paul American Association League Baseball Team. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that possibly a photograph of the baseball team could be obtained, in which there appeared Pat Reilly. However, Mr. Clegg stated that such a photograph ~~could be~~ located but would probably be of little value, inasmuch as it was several years ago, when Reilly was a kid, that he acted as mascot. I suggested to Mr. Clegg that Dr. Mortenson, who has treated Pat Reilly might be able to give a detailed description of him, through which a record might possibly be located, in the files of the Identification Unit. Mr. Clegg stated that this would be given attention immediately and that such information as could be obtained would be forwarded.

Mr. Clegg, during the conversation stated that the Attorney, Piquet from Chicago, who has formerly been employed by Evelyn Frechette, was at that time in the St. Paul Office, and was demanding to see Evelyn Frechette; that Piquet had with him a Treasury check in the amount of \$50, payable to Evelyn Frechette, drawn on Account F-35, Authority #5, Treasury #17418, and drawn by the Keshena Indian Agency by W. Beyer, which Attorney Piquet desired to give to Evelyn Frechette,

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as her attorney; that a notation appeared on the check as follows: "Interior Indian Trust Fund, Menomonie, Wisconsin". Mr. Clegg stated that if possible they desired to prevent Attorney Piquet from contacting Evelyn Frechette and that he, Mr. Clegg, understood that an Indian ward of the Government came under the protection of the Federal Government and was entitled to have the Government provide her an attorney. Mr. Clegg desired advice immediately as to whether Evelyn Frechette was an Indian ward and whether as such she was entitled to a Government attorney or the services of an attorney outside of the Government, due to the fact that Piquet was still at the St. Paul office and had threatened to obtain a Court order.

I called Acting Special Agent in Charge Pennington of the Washington Field Office, and requested him to have Agent Levin, who was available at that time, to contact officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, concerning this. Agent Levin called back in a few minutes and stated that Mr. Flickinger, Legal Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, had advised that the United States Code provided that an Indian ward was entitled to have the Government provide her with an attorney in matters of law and equity; however, that the Statute had been interpreted and the decisions interpreted it as the Government should provide an Indian ward with an attorney in matters in which the ward's trust fund is involved, and in all other matters, particularly personal matters, the ward was entitled to an attorney of its own selection. Mr. Flickinger also advised Agent Levin that Evelyn Frechette was an Indian ward.

I gave Mr. Clegg this information by telephone, and he stated that it appeared that Attorney Piquet would have to be allowed to see Evelyn Frechette. I advised Mr. Clegg that in view of the information obtained from Mr. Flickinger, as noted above, that it appeared there would be no way of preventing Evelyn Frechette from contacting Attorney Piquet, if in fact he was her attorney or she desired him as such.

Respectfully,



T. N. Stapleton

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
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April 25, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. QUINN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
MR. ROSEN...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Henry I. Quinn called this office on April 24, 1934, and stated that he was an attorney; that several years ago he was at Hayward, Wisconsin, which is about 75 miles from St. Paul, at which time he visited a hunting lodge about three or four miles from Hayward which he understood was owned by Al Capone and frequented by numerous gangsters. In talking with Mr. Clegg last night over the telephone I gave him this information.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Carroll Peake of The Times telephoned at 9:40 this morning to secure information concerning Agent Baum. He wanted information concerning his local background. I told Mr. Peake I did not have this information and that if he would keep in touch with Colonel Gates he would be able to secure it as soon as it is available.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Peeke, of the Washington Times, called this morning at about 8:35 and advised that he had information to the effect that four members of the Dillinger gang had escaped from the hideout but that there was one remaining who had been trapped by Agents of the Division.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA TOMMY CARROLL ARRESTED ST JOSEPH MISSOURI  
POLICE DEPARTMENT AUGUST EIGHTEENTH NINETEEN TWENTY SIX  
LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE LATER RELEASED FROM CUSTODY DATE  
UNKNOWN REARRESTED THAT POLICE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER  
FOURTEENTH NINETEEN TWENTY SIX CHARGE BANK ROBBERY AT  
JANUARY TWENTIETH NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN STOP PROSECUTING  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson has advised me that if in your desire I go to the Colt Firearms Company factory at Hartford, Connecticut for the purpose of obtaining any available information concerning the .38 super automatic pistol with the fore-grip, compensator and special magazine, seized at St. Paul at the apartment of John Billinger. At the factory I will endeavor to work out the mechanical details in the operation of this gun to see if such guns can be made to fire automatically as machine guns. If not, to see if such guns can be prepared for very rapid single shot fire.

Inasmuch as the Remington Arms Company plant is at Bridgeport on the way to Hartford, it is believed that it will be of advantage to the Division for me to stop there and secure any available information relative to cartridges produced by the Remington Company and to secure such data as I may wish to be of value to the Technical Laboratory of the Division.

I have discussed this with Mr. Tolson and he approves and believes that I should stop at the Remington plant and also at the Lyman Gun Sight Company; the Lyman Company make compensators for firearms and it is quite possible that the compensator found on the Billinger gun was made and applied to the gun at the Lyman plant. I am informed that Mr. Lyman will be glad to cooperate with the Division in furnishing any available information which he has in this matter.

If approved by you, I will stop at the Remington and Lyman plants in Connecticut as well as the Colt plant at Hartford and will leave here Sunday as the plants are running on a short week schedule and are closed on Saturday and part of Friday.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hughes.

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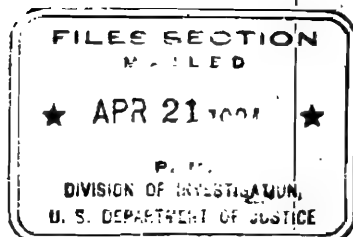
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

—, Opal Milligan

Very truly yours,



Director.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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## NIGHT LETTER

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412 U S COURT HOUSE & P. O. BLDG.  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

JOHN DILLINGER RE FUGITIVE RECENTLY SEVERAL WITNESSES LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY  
POSITIVELY IDENTIFY 10 TWELVE TWO TWO IDENTICAL WITH GEORGE T WILLIAMS EFFORTS  
TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND WILLIAMS AND HEARN AT LOUISVILLE UNSUCCESSFUL SUMMER  
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Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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Reference is made to your letter of April 20, 1954, in which you requested that the Bureau be kept advised of any further purchases by the Radio City Corp., was made in the name of Harry Bridges Associates, and requesting that the purchases of this key in this District be checked for information relative to the subjects of this case, and listing the purchases and estimated amounts as follows:

1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 26

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**F. I. FAY,**  
**Special Agent in Charge.**

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Suite L  
Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
April 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, IO 1217,  
ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Reference is made to Division telegram dated April 24, 1934, requesting that disposition be obtained of the arrest of Thomas Leonard Carroll as "Tommy Carroll" No. 5434, Police Department, St. Joseph, Mo., August 18, 1926, on a charge of larceny of an automobile.

Confirming telegram of even date, please be advised that immediately upon receipt of the above mentioned Division telegram, I telephonically communicated with Detective Davis of the St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Department, and he advised that that department's records failed to reflect the above mentioned arrest, but he would obtain same and call this office back. Subsequently, he called, advising that after Carroll's arrest on August 18, 1926, he had been released, the date not being shown on their records, Carroll being subsequently re-arrested on September 30, 1926, on a charge of bank robbery, being acquitted of this bank robbery charge on January 20, 1927, upon the establishment of an alibi. Thereafter, on January 28, 1927, the complaint against Carroll for larceny of an automobile was dismissed by the Prosecuting Attorney at St. Joseph, Missouri.

The substance of this information was furnished to Mr. Stapleton of the Division by telephone.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge Connelly telephoned from Indianapolis at 2:15 AM and submitted the following concerning the activities in Indianapolis and vicinity in connection with the John Dillinger matter as requested by Mr. Cowley through Special Agent in Charge Purvis:

Agent West in Indianapolis had been checking this and was called out on April 2nd to Paducah, Ky., to cover other matters and Agent Johnson and Whitson relieved him at Indianapolis, Agent Whitson on the same night was ordered to St. Paul in connection with this same matter and Agent Sears joined Johnson at Indianapolis to cover the situation here. On Saturday April 7th Sears and Johnson were at Indianapolis covering the matter and Wynn had been ordered in from Evansville to assist them and Agent Donegan proceeded from Cincinnati to assist them. On the morning of Saturday Agents Sears and Johnson had covered the matter of the wrecked car at Noblesville(?), Ind., and which after they had checked the motor numbers thereon proved to be the automobile of Dillinger according to the motor number and serial thereon, thereafter Johnson who had called me on the telephone was ordered back to Indianapolis immediately in order that the possible surveillance of the members of the family at this place could be continued and thereafter Johnson and Sears on the way in covered all possible telephones which might have been used in making a call after the wreck. Now, in connection with the cover of the activities at Indianapolis there was a place at 930 Dailey Street of Mary Kinder, the filling station operated by Fred Hancock and Hubert Dillinger the latter being the half brother of John Dillinger there was also the place of John W. Dillinger, the father at Mooresville, Ind., the home of Hubert Dillinger at Marsh Hill, Ind., the place of Harry Baugh, Marsh Hill, Ind., who is the father-in-law of Hubert and lives in the vicinity of his home in Marsh Hill, there was also the place of Fred Hancock at 409 North La Salle Street which was covered. Agents Donegan and Wynn were out to Mooresville and vicinity until 2AM on this date. The home of John W. Dillinger at Mooresville is located on one road with no trees, fence or other protection in front of it, about 75 to 100 feet back off the road on knoll which causes it to sit out from the houses, there is a road that runs in the back of it approximately a quarter of a mile with an open field between it and the houses and barns of the home of John W. Dillinger about one half mile beyond the house is the County road which connects these two roads placing the property in which the Dillinger home is located in a sort of a triangle. There is no cover at this place whereby the place can be observed the nearest house to it is the home of a very close friend for whom John at one time worked and the house immediately to the Dillinger home is the house ~~in the house~~ of a fellow named Smithers who is also a close personal friend of the father's and who is considered a questionable character and would not give any information in any which would lead to cause the apprehension of Dillinger. The only possible way to cover the ~~at the~~ road was by cruising the vicinity, which activity was also being carried on I understand by the Indianapolis Police. Agents Wynn and Littlehales had proceeded to Kokomo, Ind., to check the activities of Pearl Elliot who was at one time connected with the outfit and was picked up with them in Tucson. On that

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same Saturday night Agent Johnson was covering various matters here at the Hotel in lining up the general details of the work for the new men who were coming in and also on this night it was reported from Chicago that Evelyn Frechetti would come in in a plane from that point judging from a telephone call received by a private pilot there which indicated that it was her although she had not identified herself and everybody was on duty all night in order to cover this matter and be available for it. On Sunday the various men were divided into crews. Geraghty and Donegan first went to 930 Dailey Street where they picked up Mary Kinder moving from this address to 516 Luett Street and thereafter proceeded to Mooresville after covering the filling station where Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock worked. Sears and Weeks proceeded to Noblesville to check further the vicinity of the wreck there for any further information. Wynn and Littlehales were still located at Kokomo and vicinity checking further as to Pearl Elliot and her activities she having been reported seen in that vicinity. Geraghty and Donegan picked up the car of Hubert at the father's house and passing the house on the second trip they had proceeded down the road and they went into Mooresville to check up on his activity there and picked up Fred Hancock and Hubert in the car and at this time the car with the Indiana license which was purchased as later shown in Indianapolis on Saturday was proceeding ahead of the other car and returned in the direction of the home of the father John W. Dillinger, and thereafter they followed him out the road leading to Springfield but could not locate his car. At this time they noticed the Ford which was brought here on Saturday as was later shown standing along the road with three girls in the car and after proceeding down the road they again picked up Hubert's car and a party in it who later proved apparently to be Norman and in following them to a certain turn they turned to the right and the Agents turned to the left as apparently Hubert had made them following him and at this time Hubert who was driving noticed them apparently through the mirror, and Norman Hancock placed his hands to his face and ducked down into the car, apparently to avoid being seen. It was later shown through an interview with Hubert Dillinger, Norman Hancock and ~~Norman~~ Hancock that apparently the four cars proceed out of the place, Hubert and Norman in the first car which belonged to Hubert, proceeded down to the gate and picked them up, apparently the Ford V8 Sedan which was standing on the road was the next car out of the place which was followed then by the car occupied the Ardrey Hancock, the mother of Fred Hancock and the sister of ~~Hubert~~ John Dillinger. The last car to ~~be~~ leave the place was the car ~~xxx~~ of Fred Hancock and the Agents taking the car which apparently contained the best possibilities took the car of Hubert Dillinger which eluded them in the vicinity of the home there on the back roads. This car was subsequently checked up through the license numbers on the car and was found to have been sold on Saturday and the license had not yet been registered having been issued by the Hoosier Auto Club here which was closed at the time and the registration had not yet reached the state Bureau.

The balance of the Agents were distributed on various activities, Barber and Smith arrived in late that day had also proceeded to Mooresville to assist in



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the activities there and later they picked up the car of Hubert Dillinger in front of 516 Luett Street, which was immediately thereafter raided but no one was there except Mary Kinder and her Mother. Hirsh(?) was here covering the activities at the airport and Johnson was at the Hotel in order to place the various men as they arrived in the city.

The two Agents who were cruising in the vicinity of the Father's home were armed with revolvers only because of the fact that there were not sufficient arms to cover all of the places in the territory here, we were covering Lebanon, Ky., with two Agents, and Hampton, Ohio, with three Agents and \_\_\_\_\_, Ohio with three Agents with the possibility of Dillinger showing up at anyone of the points being covered.

As to the present cover being maintained on the home of John W. Dillinger and the other places here in this vicinity, the men have been patrolling the place and vicinity for 24 hours continuously, the neighbors ~~and~~ of such character as to make it hard to get a cover for a man, we located one farmhouse which was some distance but we could use glasses and immediately this became known to the neighbors who are very inquisitive which eliminated the possibility of using that point, so the real cover now is being maintained by a surveillance of the place and vicinity by cruising night and day with the available Agents as they can be placed and also cover the additional work here. We have a room located across the street from Mary Kinder where the men have been on duty 24 hours a day. We have now located a house in which we can secure a room across from the filling station where we can watch this place which is open from eight to eight and the place where in the past the contact has been made by Dillinger when he arrived in town through his brother Hubert. In addition to that we also now have the situation at Muncie where SAC Larson is located and Agent Wood is with him tonight at this point. There is also a possibility here through a brother of Mrs. Pierpoint who I understand from the Detroit Office has disappeared from Leipzig, Ohio driving a trailer and a Auburn car which she had proceeded previously and there is no information as yet as to where she is located. If surveillance is to be maintained on her brother at Muncie it will require at least four additional Agents for that point alone. Agent Geraghty had to return to New York on subpoena. Agent Wood will have to go to Cincinnati tomorrow morning in order to take care of matters there inasmuch as Agent Klein had to proceed to Patterson, N.J. as his Mother is reported to be dying. We have three men located in Dayton, Ohio, Roberts, Treadwell and Fletcher. Agent Harris in Columbus is maintaining contact with his informant [redacted]. In Hamilton, Ohio, we have a place located there where if the outfit comes in there for cover they will undoubtedly contact them. Agent Wood is located in Muncie with SAC Larson at the present time. Agents Russell and Hurley are covering the vicinity of Lebanon, Ky.,. The situation here is that if we are to maintain surveillance 24 hours in all of these places it will be necessary to have additional men as we will have to have about four men to cover the situation at Muncie and possibly we should have about six more men in Indianapolis to cover such places as Mary Kinder's and the John W. Dillingers place at Mooresville and Hubert Dillinger.

We have definitely the promise of Norman Hancock, Fred Hancock and Hubert Dillinger without the others knowing it that they will turn up Dillinger should

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x Confidential Informant

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DIRECTOR

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b7D he come in there in order to avoid the possible charges against the family and also to avoid the possibility of some of them being killed should he be taken at one of these places should he arrive there. We also have our informant located in the home of Hubert Dillinger who will report to us any activities he learns at any time.

The information is as I have previously advised over the telephone that Hubert Dillinger was driving the car at the time it was wrecked at Noblesville Ind., and for that reason he is growing apprehensive as to the possibilities of prosecution of himself as well as that of his Mother and Father, and for that reason he has agreed very definitely to furnish us with information and if he doesn't live up to it we will get the same information from the informant whom we have placed in Hubert's home. Hubert has taken his wife to live with her Grandmother at Bloomington, Ind., because apparently he was apprehensive that something would happen to her, in fact the night that he took her to Bloomington was the night that the Police Station in Warsaw, Ind., was robbed on the following morning at about 1:15 AM."

Mr. Connelley stated that in view of the fact that Dillinger had been seen up at Sault Saint Marie on Tuesday it is possible that he might be showing up most any time in the vicinity of Indianapolis and therefore he felt that more Agents would be needed to adequately cover the various places now under surveillance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erik G. Peterson*

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DIRECTOR

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April 25, 1934.

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MR. CLEGG  
MR. CONLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. GUNN  
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CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBERT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Martin J. Gillan called on the telephone. He advised that he has a summer home in Northern Wisconsin and that he would like to make a suggestion relative to raids conducted in an effort to apprehend Dillinger. He suggested that when making plans to conduct raids the Division should contact the Game Warden; that the Game Warden knows all roads and by-roads and he also can get in touch with hunters who are experts in the use of rifles; that the roads should be blocked about a mile from the place where the raid is to be made, and not close by, by the use of trucks; that the men with the rifles should be placed behind trees, and that this action could be taken even in cities, he having in mind the apartment from which Dillinger escaped in St. Paul. Mr. Gillan was advised that the suggestion was an excellent one, provided there was sufficient time in which to so block the roads, but that in the case he had in mind the Division did not have time to make these arrangements.

Mr. Gillan advised that Mark Sullivan is one of his closest friends; that he was here during the War and that he had done some confidential work for George Peeke, of the Shipping Board. Mr. Gillan said that he would appreciate an opportunity to call at this office and I advised him that I would be glad to see him. He was thanked for his suggestion.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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April 25, 1934

Hon J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re Dillinger

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Of course, you're familiar with le ley fuga.

Wouldn't it have been better to have applied it?

I mean that, seriously. The word could be passed along for THE Dillinger and for all his imitators that are to come, and there'd be no one to prove it. If the law officers were assured that their trip up on the carpet would be only pro forma there would be a lot of time and trouble and money and in many cases officers' lives saved. In other words, how much better would it have been to have planted this wild man out in the Arizona cactus than to have permitted him to run loose as he has? Maybe you'll take the attitude that no one knew he could get away, and no one knew he wouldn't reform. I'll counter that by saying that any criminal is an embryonic murderer; that his survival means nothing in the forward movement of the nation. He will not be missed. There are a multitude of law-abiding citizens about which the Government should concern itself, people who have never run afoul of the law.

And can't something substantial be done to punish those who aid and consort with him, his women, that Hampton relative in the Sault, -- all of them. Which includes his old man. The papers say the old man is rather proud of his offspring, that the outlaw is a misunderstood boy. Which brings me to the object of this communication:

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Of course, I'm not optimistic enough to believe that the Government would "crack down" on the old rooster as energetically as I would. But it might at least use him for bait. I mean, clap him in jail -- one of those little County seat prisons out in Indiana, advertise it far and wide -- that the old man is getting a man's size third degree, have the reporters in, put a bandage around the old boy's head, photograph him laying on the floor and otherwise mistreated. If that spunk of his runs true to form, it might not be too much to hope that he would come to the rescue of the old man. THERE is the place for the Government ambush, and the end of the convict. Isn't it worth trying? Particularly, when it will most certainly save the lives of some good men who are booked to go down before he is caught if you have to go to him?

Sincerely, E H McCulloch

*John Dillinger*



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April 30, 1934.

Mr. R. E. McCulloch,  
Room 2025,  
15 Park Row,  
New York, New York.

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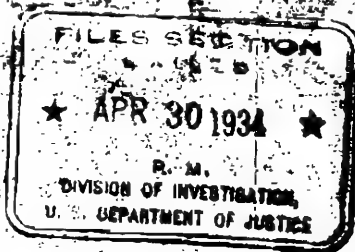
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated April 23, 1934, suggesting a method to be used in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger.

The interest manifested by you in this matter is greatly appreciated and your suggestion will be given due consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 708,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN WILLIAMS with aliases--FUGITIVE--  
I. O. #1217; JOHN HAMILTON with alias--  
I. O. #1220; HOMER VAN NETER with  
aliases--I. O. #1222; ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACTS  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to my letter of April 23, 1934, to the  
Division and to my letter of April 18, 1934, to the Cincinnati office with  
respect to your teletype of April 12th informing that a person identified as  
Homer Van Neter endeavored to sell Essex motor sedan, motor number 56004,  
in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 18, 1934, which car had been stolen in  
Daytona Beach, Florida, on April 8, 1934. This letter will also serve to  
confirm receipt of your teletype of April 23, 1934, advising that several  
witnesses in Louisville, Kentucky, positively identified Homer Van Neter  
as being identical with George T. Williams, the person suspected of the theft  
of aforementioned automobile at Daytona Beach, Florida, on April 8, 1934.

Special Agent R. L. Shivers at Daytona Beach, Florida,  
after making a thorough investigation, advised the Jacksonville office by  
long distance telephone that Williams could not possibly be identical with  
Homer Van Neter; that for the last ten years Williams has resided in Daytona  
Beach, where he was employed as a Western-Union messenger; later by a bakery,  
and was also in business for himself; that during the time Homer Van Neter  
was incarcerated, as reflected in I. O. #1222, Williams has positively been  
placed in Daytona Beach.

Agent Shivers, who is suspected with Williams in the theft of  
aforesaid automobile, is a bookkeeper in Daytona Beach, and it is not  
believed that either Williams or Shivers or both could have any connection  
with the pillaging mob.

Agent Shivers at Daytona Beach further advised that at  
one time George T. Williams resided with his mother in Shelbyville, Kentucky;  
that some time ago his mother died in Daytona Beach; she was then known as

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Mrs. John T. Eagle; and was returned to Shelbyville, Kentucky, for burial. Her maiden name was Martha L. Eagle, and the family is apparently well known in Shelbyville.

On April 23, 1934, the Detroit office was advised by wire that Williams and Hearn are not identical with the Motor.

In Daytona Beach on either the 18th or 19th of April, 1934, Mrs. George S. Williams received a telegram from subject Williams from Detroit by Western-Union. A search in the main office in Jacksonville by the manager of the Western-Union failed to locate this telegram. However, he indicated that it would be an easy matter to locate it in the Detroit office of the Western-Union company. Agent Sullivan also learned that on either the 18th or 19th of April, 1934, by long distance telephone, Williams called his wife in Daytona Beach, calling number 0804 from Detroit.

Copies of my report in the case entitled [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] were forwarded by Mr. Hall, Special Delivery, to the Detroit and Cincinnati offices on April 23, 1934, and both these offices are requested to make every effort possible to cause the apprehension of Williams and Hearn in connection with the theft and transportation of Motor Motor Sedan, Motor number 88004, which was stolen in Daytona Beach, Florida, from its owner, on April 8, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Sullivan,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite L, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
April 24, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, with aliases,  
et al  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to letter from this office dated April 26, 1934, wherewith were transmitted photographs of various ballistic exhibits believed to be from the weapons of John Herbert Dillinger and others. With that letter was transmitted a photograph of a 351 caliber rifle shell found after the robbery of the bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, March 6, 1934.

There is enclosed herewith a photograph of an exploded 351 caliber rifle shell found at the scene of the robbery of the First National Bank, Mason City, Iowa, which occurred March 13, 1934, and, as mentioned in the letter of April 16, 1934, this exhibit is said by the ballisticians to have been fired from the same gun as the 351 shell case forwarded to the Division on April 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul

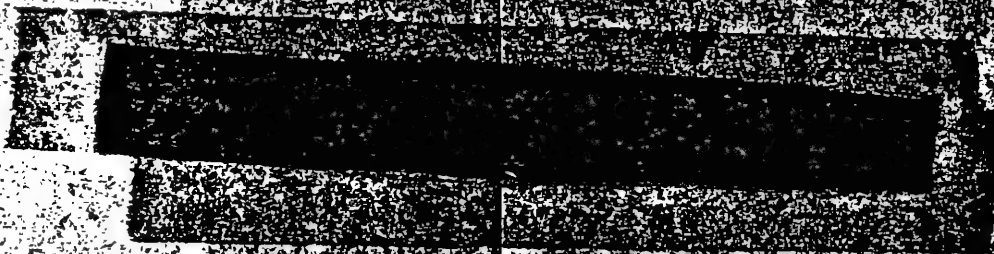
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BANK CITY





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April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to the memorandum of Mr. Peterson of April 21, 1934, covering a telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Connelley, I am by no means satisfied with the conduct of the investigation in the vicinity of the home of the father of Billinger. Apparently, Agents Deagan and Connelley did not conduct the same with as much vigilance as they should have, for it is obvious that while they were searching some of the automobiles which were at this time in front of Billinger was in one of them. I think that we will take this up by letter with Mr. Connelley for such further explanation as can be given, and with a very strong indication that the Division considers the value of these Agents to have been particularly low in this matter, and that there must not be a repetition of the same.

Very truly yours,

Director



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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

ODILLINGER NMVTA SHERIFF SHUMAN SPRINGFIELD OHIO ADVISES  
TELEPHONICALLY THAT SIX MEN DRIVING FORD V-8 SEDAN<sup>AN</sup> STOPPED AT  
GAS STATION LONDON OHIO AND ASKED FOR DOCTOR ONE OF MEN  
BEING WOUNDED IN THE HEAD CAR HAD DARK GREEN COLORED TAGS  
APPARENTLY PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE BUT NUMBERS WERE NOT OBTAINED  
CINCINNATI OFFICE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED TO FORWARD AGENTS  
TO LONDON IMMEDIATELY. SHERIFF AT COLUMBUS ALSO PROCEEDING THAT  
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April 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER --  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217 with  
aliases, et al - NATIONAL  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photograph of GEORGE NELSON,  
which you may desire to use in preparing an Identification Order in  
connection with the shooting which occurred near Rhineland, Wisconsin  
on Sunday, April 22, 1934.

Additional information necessary for the preparation of  
the identification order will be furnished as soon as it is obtained,  
by teletype.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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MR. CLEGG....  
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MR. EDWARDS....  
MR. EGAN....  
MR. QUINN....  
MR. LESTER....  
CHIEF CLERK....  
MR. ROBER....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Last night, April 23, 1934, I called the Chicago Office and talked with Acting Special Agent in Charge Billings, in order to obtain a photograph of George ("Baby Face") Nelson, Illinois State Penitentiary #5437, to be used on an Identification Order, which was being prepared. I informed Mr. Billings that Nelson's picture had appeared in a Chicago Police Department Bulletin, a copy of which the Division had; however, that since this picture could not be clearly reproduced, it was desired that the Chicago Office obtain last night either from the Chicago Police Department or the Illinois State Penitentiary, a glossy finished photograph of Nelson, and that it be forwarded to the Division not later than last night, by air mail, special delivery. I also requested him to obtain from the Illinois State Penitentiary, a list of all relatives of Nelson, if available. Mr. Billings was informed that the Division desired this photograph to be used on an Identification Order. He advised that this would be attended to.

This morning I noted a telegram from the Chicago Office, received late last night, signed by Special Agent in Charge Purvis, in which it was stated that that office had been unable as yet to obtain a list of the relatives of Nelson and that the Division would be advised further today. Inasmuch as the telegram did not refer to the photograph of Nelson, I called Special Agent in Charge Purvis on the telephone for information as to whether the photograph had been forwarded. Mr. Purvis, after making inquiry in the office, advised that the photograph had not been forwarded but that same would be done immediately. I then informed Mr. Purvis as to my request of Mr. Billings, advising him that the Identification Order was ready to be printed and was being held up, pending the arrival of this photograph. Mr. Purvis stated that he would see that the photograph was mailed immediately.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton

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April 25, 1934.

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MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the newspaper article appearing in the Washington Times on April 25, 1934, I communicated with Special Agent in Charge Purvis by telephone and advised him of the accusation made by Oscar G. Olander, State Commissioner of Public Safety of Lansing, Michigan, to the effect that Federal Agents had refused to cooperate with Michigan State Troopers at Sioux Ste. Marie and Rhinelander or Mercer, Wisconsin. I read this part of the article to Mr. Purvis. He stated that though he was not in Sioux Ste. Marie himself no such request had been made of him by Mr. Olander or any member of his force and that he knew of no such request being made of any of the Agents from the Chicago office. He stated further that it was reasonably certain that no such request was made in that the information concerning Dillinger came from the Sheriff's office at Sioux Ste. Marie and that his men proceeded there immediately without contacting any officers outside of the Sheriff and his Deputy at Sioux Ste. Marie. In connection with the general accusation that the Division had failed to cooperate with local authorities Mr. Purvis was of the opinion that same should be ignored. Concerning the charges made by Commissioner Olander Mr. Purvis stated that he had always been on very friendly terms with him and that Olander had offered full cooperation. Though he stated he did not consider it of much importance he thought it would be all right for Mr. Larson to contact Mr. Olander to determine whether he had been accurately quoted.

I also talked with Mr. Clegg in connection with this article and advised him that the newspaper indicated that petitions were being filed at Rhinelander, Ironwood, Eagle River and Mercer, Wisconsin, for the suspension of Mr. Purvis. Mr. Clegg stated that he did not know of the petitions being filed in the communities other than the one at Mercer and that Mr. Rorer was now endeavoring to determine the source from which this petition emanated; that when he next heard from Mr. Rorer, who was going to report to him, he would advise him of the other petitions and request that the source of same also be determined. Mr. Clegg stated that in his conversation with Mr. Rorer he asked whether his, Mr. Clegg's, presence was necessary in that vicinity and Mr. Rorer stated that in his opinion there was no reason why he should come there; that things were going along nicely and were very quiet. Mr. Clegg stated that he thought it would probably be advisable for Mr. Larson to contact

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Mr. Olander in connection with his alleged statement, provided that Mr. Larson and Olander were on friendly terms. In connection with the matter of the Attorney General issuing a statement to the effect that the Division did not call upon local authorities for assistance because of the insufficient time and the necessity for immediate action he was inclined to recommend against such a statement on the grounds that it would probably lead into an endless controversy and might not be able to be defended successfully. He stated, however, that in connection with Senator Copeland's statement to the effect that a decided lack of cooperation had existed between Federal, State and local agencies he thought it would be advisable for the Attorney General to issue a statement to the effect that the Division of Investigation had received wonderful cooperation from local authorities throughout the middle west in this case; that though the statement of Senator Copeland may have been aimed at the Division the local authorities throughout the middle west had interpreted it as a criticism of them and had been quite concerned. Mr. Clegg stated that the accusations aimed at the Division in the newspaper article which was read to him in part did not concern him but that the Copeland statement did in that local authorities were interpreting it as a criticism of them. In connection with the statement indicating the lack of judgment on the part of Agents Newman and Baum Mr. Clegg stated that he thought it useless to endeavor to determine the source of this information in that it would probably be impossible and, further, that there were other matters which he considered more important which should be given immediate attention.

I then contacted Mr. Larson, of the Detroit office, concerning the purported statement made by Commissioner Olander. Mr. Larson advised that he had just had a conversation with Lieutenant Donald Leonard, of the Michigan State Troopers, who advised that he had heard from Lansing that when the Agents arrived at Sioux Ste. Marie and were in conference with the Sheriff a Lieutenant of the Michigan State Troopers offered to cooperate with the Division and Sheriff in causing Dillinger's apprehension and was curtly advised by a Division Agent, name unknown, that when the Division wanted the assistance of the Michigan State Troopers it would so advise them.

I then endeavored to contact Mr. Purvis, who was out of the office, and talked to Mr. Waters who advised that Agents Reinecke, Lockerman, Brown, Rice and Faulkner proceeded to Sioux Ste. Marie in connection with this matter and consulted Sheriff Welch and his Chief Deputy, McKee; that he now understands from Agent Lockerman that there was a Lieutenant of the Michigan State Troopers at the Sheriff's office at the time but he was not in the conference and that some statement may have been made to him concerning the proposed raid but he would have to determine the statement and the source of same. He was requested to do so and immediately advise the Division.

I told Mr. Larson to wait until he heard further from the Division before contacting Mr. Olander and that in the meantime I would contact Mr. Purvis to determine the exact facts. After the facts have been obtained from Mr. Purvis or Mr. Waters I will so advise Mr. Larson and request that he contact Mr. Olander and advise him that the incident at Sioux Ste. Marie was regrettable and the result of an over-zealous Agent and did not reflect the attitude of the Division.

Respectfully,

*S. R. Cowley*  
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FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED RELATIVE ISSUANCE I. O. LESTER M. GILLIS  
ALIAS ALEX GILLIS ALIAS LESTER GILES ALIAS GEORGE NELSON ALIAS BABY  
FACE ALIAS BIG GEORGE- AGE 26-1934- HEIGHT 5 FET 4 1/2 INCHES- WEIGHT  
133 LBS- BUILD MEDIUM- HAIR LIGHT CHESTNUT- EYES YELLOW AND GREY SLATE-  
COMPLEXION LIGHT- NATIONALITY AMERICAN- SCARS AND MARKS, NONE KNOWN.  
RELATIVES MARY GILLIS, MOTHER, 5516 SOUTH MARSHFIELD ST, CHICAGO, ILL.  
MARY GILLIS ALIAS HELEN NELSON WIFE, 148 NORTH MAYFIELD CHICAGO, ILL.  
MRS. JULIETTE FITZSIMMONS, SISTER, 5516 SOUTH MARSHFIELD ST. CHICAGO  
ILL. CRIMINAL RECORD- AS LESTER GILLIS, NO. 3437 ARRESTED  
POLICE DEPT. CHICAGO, ILL. CHARGE BURGLARY, SENTENCED MARCH 17,  
1927, PROBATION ONE YEAR. AS GEORGE NELSON, NO. 5437, ARRESTED  
POLICE DEPT. CHICAGO, ILL. JAN. 15, 1931, ESCAPED FROM STATE PRISON  
JOLIET, ILL. FEBRUARY 17, 1932. LESTER GILLIS IS WANTED BY  
THE ST. PAUL MINN. POLICE DEPT. FOR BANK ROBBERY COMMITTED FEBRUARY  
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READY ON YOUR CONF C2XX CALL YES

DIRECTOR AND ST PAUL

From Chicago - APR 2

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA SPECIAL AGENT, JAY C. NEWMAN STATES PH  
BEARING NUMBER 5437 OF GEORGE NELSON CONTAINED IN CHICAGO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT BULLETIN - LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE MAN THAT SHOT ME BUT I  
CANNOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY HIM FROM PHOTO- STOP INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED  
THAT TRUE NAME OF GEORGE NELSON IS LESTER M. GILLIS. TELEPHONE NUMBER  
GROVE HILL 2841

FOUND ON ONE OF THE GIRLS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT  
LITTLE BOHEMIA SPIDER LAKE WISCONSIN IS THAT OF MRS. EARL C. HILDEBRAND  
5516 SOUTH MARSHFIELD STREET, SECOND FLOOR, CHICAGO. MRS. JULIA E.  
FITZSIMMONS SISTER OF GILLIS RESIDES ON FIRST FLOOR AT SAME ADDRESS  
AND IS FRIENDLY WITH MRS. HILDEBRAND. 5516 SOUTH MARSHFIELD STREET  
CHICAGO BEING KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE. HELEN NELSON WIFE OF GILLIS  
RESIDES AT MAYFIELD BOROUGH APARTMENT HOTEL APARTMENT 411-148 NORTH  
MAYFIELD, CHICAGO. GILLIS ALSO RESIDED THERE AND ONE, M. M. JOSEPH  
RECEIVED MAIL IN SAME BOX WITH GILLIS. GILLIS ASSOCIATED WITH AN  
ITALIAN TONY BAKER ALIAS TONY BEEZO. BEEZO DRIVES DARK BLUE LINCOLN

Mr. TOLSON	
Mr. CLEGG	
Mr. COVLEY	
Mr. EDWARDS	
Mr. GAN	
Mr. QUINN	
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April 25, 1934.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Spink Arms Hotel,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

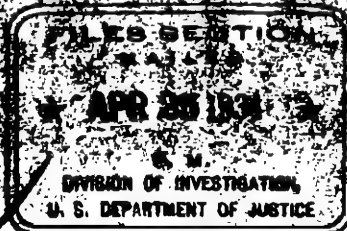
Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation being conducted looking towards the apprehension of John Dillinger, it is my desire that any and all persons offering protection to and assisting and aiding this criminal in his activities and flight be prosecuted unless they report full cooperation to this Division in locating Dillinger, and give particular reference to those persons at Indianapolis, Indiana, who were with him at the farm of his father on April 12, if they do not extend the cooperation which they have promised, very definite action should be taken against all of them. Accordingly, it is requested that all the facts pertaining to Dillinger's contacts in Indianapolis and vicinity concerning those who have harbored and aided him be prepared so that in the event it becomes advisable prosecutive action may be taken against any or all of them at any time.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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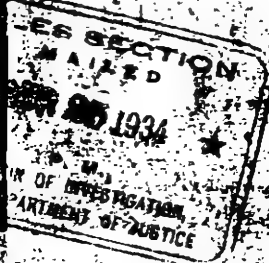
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

I have read with considerable interest the attached memorandum prepared by Mr. Smith, covering the question of the persons liable for assistance or harboring fugitives and harboring fugitives. From Mr. Smith's analysis of this matter, it would appear that any person giving aid or assistance to any fugitive from Federal justice may be prosecuted under the Federal statutes, with the one exception of the relationship of husband and wife. As I have previously suggested, I want vigorous action taken against any person who renders any assistance to any of the fugitives for whom we are searching. I think the prompt arrest and prosecution of such persons will have a very salutary effect, because when it becomes known that the Federal Government intends to prosecute persons rendering such assistance, there will be a certain reluctance developed upon the part of underground friends, relatives and other associates to aid such fugitives in their efforts to avoid the Federal authorities. Please give this matter your special attention in all cases.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
RE: ITALIAN STABLER

It is respectfully requested that you furnish information as to whether relatives of fugitives can be prosecuted under the statutes relating to obstruction of justice and harboring of fugitives. Your opinion as to the advisability of prosecuting the father of John Dillinger for harboring him at Mooresville, Indiana on April 3, 1934, is also requested. It appears that Dillinger visited at his father's home on that date, but the father did not notify authorities that his son was there until several days after Dillinger had departed from his father's home.

Section 23, Title 18, U. S. C., provides as follows:

"Whoever shall knowingly and willfully obstruct, resist, or oppose any officer of the United States, or other person duly authorized, in serving, or attempting to serve or execute, any process or writ, or any rule or order, or any other legal or judicial writ or process of any court of the United States, or United States commissioner, or shall assault, beat, or wound any officer or other person duly authorized, knowing him to be such officer, or other person so duly authorized, in serving or executing any such writ, rule, order, process, warrant, or other legal or judicial writ or process, shall be fined not more than \$100 and imprisoned not more than one year."

Section 24, Title 18, U. S. C., provides as follows:

"Whoever shall rescue or attempt to rescue, from the custody of any officer or person lawfully executing his duty, any person arrested upon a warrant or other process issued under the provisions of any law of the United States, or shall, directly or indirectly, aid, abet, or assist any person so arrested to escape from the custody of such officer or other person, or shall harbor or conceal any person for whose arrest a warrant or process has been so issued, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest, after notice or knowledge of the fact that a warrant or process has been issued for the apprehension of such person, shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both."

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It is to be noted that these two statutes do not make any provision relative to the liability of relatives of the person for whom process of arrest is issued, or the person who is being harbored.

A limited search of the cases decided with reference to these two sections fails to disclose any case involving relatives of the fugitive. It would appear that the law which would apply under these two statutes would be closely analogous to the law with reference to accessories after the fact. Unless the rule is changed by statute the general common law rule is that a person is not relieved from guilt as an accessory after the fact because of the existence between him and the person assisted or harbored, of the relation of parent and child, brother and brother and sister and brother, or master and servant, and even a husband is guilty if he assists or harbors his wife, but a wife does not become an accessory in assisting or harboring her husband since she is presumed to be acting under his coercion - 15 C.J. 138.

In many jurisdictions it is provided by statute that persons standing in certain relations to the felon shall not be deemed accessories to the fact by reason of furnishing aid or assistance to the felon. Thus, there are statutes of this description including persons standing in the relation of parent, child, brother, sister, husband, wife, grandparent, or grandchild of the principal. These statutes appear to exist in Arkansas, Missouri, Rhode Island and Texas.

Your opinion as to these matters at an early date, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.



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April 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General, transmitting a copy of an article which appeared in the Washington Star for April 24, 1934, containing a statement by Senator Copeland indicating a lack of cooperation between Federal, State and local authorities.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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April 21, 1934.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I am attaching hereto a copy of an article which appeared in last evening's Washington Star, and which summarizes a statement made by Senator Copeland, quoting him as saying, "A pathetic failure of cooperation between Federal, State and local authorities" has existed in the Dillinger case. I am bringing this to your attention because I believe it is particularly unfortunate that any one should indulge in statements of this kind at the present time. In the first place, the Federal authorities have been receiving very excellent cooperation from the State and local law enforcement agencies. Following the publication of this statement yesterday, which statement was carried by the Associated Press in papers throughout the country, inquiries were made by some of the local law enforcement officers in the Middle West as to why such a statement had appeared, in view of the assistance and cooperation which they had been extending to us. Our Agents have of course indicated that this statement did not emanate from the Department of Justice. Such statements are not helpful, but rather tend to tear down the cooperation which we have been trying to build up, and such statements are particularly unfortunate when they are untrue, as in this instance.

Respectfully,  
Director

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## Lack of Police Co-operation In Dillinger Case Is Scored Copeland Declares Federal, State and Local Officers Have Failed to Work Together.

Chairman Copeland of the Senate Racketeering Committee told reporters today there has been "a pathetic failure of co-operation between Federal, State and local authorities" in the Dillinger case.

He made this statement shortly after the House Judiciary Committee, responding to a request by President Roosevelt, approved legislation intended to aid in combating crime.

Copeland said his committee was not considering legislation to authorize a reward for Dillinger's capture.

"If they would send for some of the New York Troopers and put them on the trail they would catch him," Copeland added.

George "Baby Face" Nelson, 22, Chicago criminal, earlier was identified at the Department of Justice as the Dillinger mobster who killed Special Agent W. Carter Baum in the gunplay early yesterday.

Escaped in 1932.

Nelson escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary in February, 1932, where he was serving a sentence of from one year to life for first degree robbery.

He is wanted at St. Paul in connection with another bank robbery.

The slaying near Rhinelander, Wis., yesterday of Special Agent W. Carter Baum of the Justice Department's Division of Investigation by a member of the Dillinger mob again focused

attention on the fact that it is no Federal crime to kill a Government officer.

Aroused by the fatal outcome of the trap which was being set for Dillinger at a remote road house in Wisconsin, President Roosevelt moved to facilitate passage of a proposed law to correct this anomalous condition and for enactment of half a dozen other measures proposed by Attorney General Cummings.

The name of Agent Baum will be added to the list of five other special agents of the division who gave their lives in the service of law enforcement.

A bronze plaque bearing the names of the martyred agents has been erected in the office of Director Hoover. Officials pointed out today that in every other instance the slayers of Federal officers have been brought to justice.

The body of Agent Baum is due to arrive here tomorrow morning by train from Rhinelander, Wis. With the body will be the widow and her mother.

Tentative funeral arrangements call for a brief funeral service either at Humphreys undertaking establishment in Silver Spring, Md., or in the chapel at Rock Creek Cemetery, where burial will take place. Definite plans are being held in abeyance until the arrival of Mrs. Baum.

*See a copy of Copeland*

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April 25, 1934

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION SECTION**  
**RE: JAMES EARL RAY**

Mr. LESTER E. GILLIS alias  
ALAN GILLIS alias LESTER GILLIS  
alias GEORGE WILSON alias  
BANK FARMER alias JAMES  
GILBERT alias JIMMIE  
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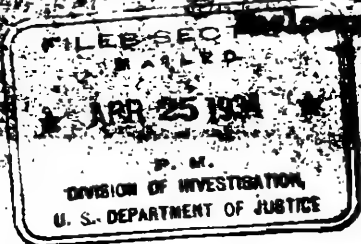
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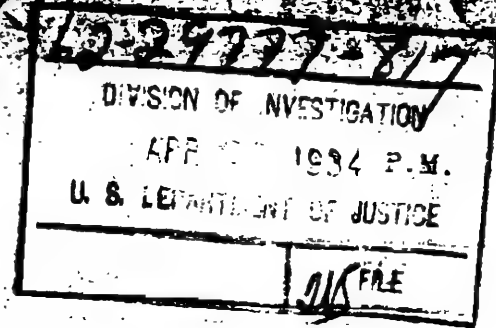
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Very truly yours,

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**WANTED**

LESTER M. GILLIS aliases,  
ALAN GILLIS, LESTER GILES,  
GEORGE NELSON, BARKY FACE NELSON,  
"BIG GEORGE", JIMMIE

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DESCRIPTION		CRIMINAL RECORDS
Age, 25 years	(Place photo-graph here)	As George Nelson, #5437, arrested Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, January 25, 1931, charge, robbery; sentenced 1 year to life.
Height, 5 feet 8 inches	(Place signature here)	As George Nelson, #5437, received State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, July 27, 1931, crime, robbery; sentenced, 1 year to life; escaped February 17, 1932.
Weight, 193 pounds	(Place date photo-graph taken on the photograph)	
Build, medium		
Eyes, yellow and gray slats		
Hair, light chestnut		
Complexion, light		
Occupation, oiler		

**RELATIVES**

Mrs. Mary Gillis, mother,  
9516 South Marshfield Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Helen Gillis alias Mrs. Helen Nelson, wife,  
148 North Mayfield,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Lester M. Gillis is wanted for the murder of W. Carter Baum, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

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*Stapleton*

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF GEORGE NELSON'S WIFE AND ADDRESS OF HIS MOTHER AND SISTER BEING KERT UNDER SURVEILLANCE. COVERS PLACED ON MAIL AND TELEGRAMS. TELEPHONE CALLS BEING CHECKED. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE REGARDING RADIO SALLY, WIFE OF TOMMY CARROLL, CONVXXXCERNING AUTO PURCHASED BY TOMMY CARROLL MANKATO, MINN. WHEN HE ABANDONED A HUDSON AP1B CHICAGO ADVISEDXXYS THAT FORD V-8 DE LUXE SEDAN MINN. LICENSE B 198-248, MOTOR 18-694580 WAS ASSEMBLED CHICAGO BRANCH FORD MOTOR CO., WHO SHIPPED TO GARDEN ZIESMAN CO. MANKATO, MINN., MARCH 6, 1934. CHIEF OF POLICE, MANKATO, STATED CAR OK AND PAID FOR. NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE STOP LINCOLN SEVEN PASSENGER CAR MOTOR KA389, WHICH IS HELD BY ROCHESTER, MINN., POLICE, WAS TAKEN ON MARCH 10, 1934 FROM J. GASKIN, CHAUFFEUR FOR MRS. HERMAN STERN, TROP XXXX 5490 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE CHICAGO, OWNER OF CAR, BY MEANS OF HOLD UP. GASKIN PARTIALLY IDENTIFIES ONE GUNMAN AS DILLINGER. BUICK COUPE 2845179 RECOVERED FROM DILLINGER GAGE SPIDER LAKE, WIS., WAS SOLD BY HEINZ MOTOR CO., MILES CENTER, ILL., TO BEN F. NELSON OF 55 TH AND LAKE PARK GARAGE, CHICAGO, WHO PURCHASED SAME FOR DELIVERY TO ONE HELEN FERGUSON, WHOSE ADDRESS WAS NEVER PROVIDED BY NELSON. FILES OF HEINZ CO. CONTAIN ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] ADDRESS CO. [REDACTED]

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ONE OF THE GIRLS NOW BEING HELD AT MADISON WISC WHO WAS IN THE LITTLE BOHEMIA LODGE ADVISES NOW THAT HER NAME IS MARIE MARIAN CONFORTI IS NOT MARRIED BUT HAS BEEN LIVING WITH T. XANCKER IN CHICAGO ON NORTH SIDE IN 4000 BLOCK ON STREET RUNNING PARALLEL WITH CLARK ST AND ABOUT TWO OR THREE BLOCKS WEST OF CLARK UNTIL XMAS 1933 SHE WORKED AT SCOTTS OR SIMILAR NAMED FIVE CENT TO DOLLAR STORE BETWEEN CRAWFORD AND CALIFORNIA STS IN CHGO BEFORE MARCH 15 TH SHE RESIDED AT 1740 ADAMS ST CHGO WITH A WOMAN SHE CALLS MA AND SHE HAS LEFT HER TRUNK AND BAGGAGE THERE ON ACCOUNT OF FAILURE TO PAY RENT DUE HER FATHER WAS ROCCO CONFORTI SHE WAS BORN 4 14 13 AND HER MOTHER IS NOW UNDER NAME OF ELEANOR KROUSE MAIDEN NAME OR AS ELEANOR CONFORTI IN OAK FOREST SANITARIUM

SHERIF AT PORTAGE WISC ADVISES HE HAS FOUND FORD V-8 MOTOR 684-515 WRECKED LAST THURSDAY AT PORTAGE BEARING KENTUCKY LICENSE NO 781-779-34

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April 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON,  
SOUTHERN SECTION

RE: ALBERT R. SMITH, with aliases,  
HARBORING FUGITIVE

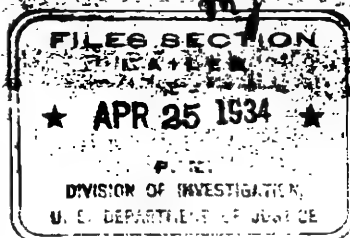
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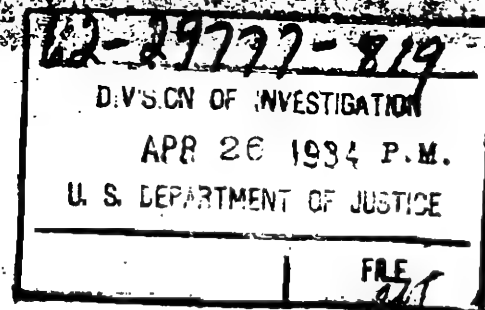
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ALBERT W. SKILLY aliases,  
PAT SKILLY, PAT RILEY

HARBORING FUGITIVES

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DESCRIPTION  
Age, 35 years (1934)  
Height, 5 feet 7-1/2 inches  
Weight, 175 pounds  
Build, medium  
Hair, light chestnut  
Eyes, light blue  
Complexion, medium florid

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CRIMINAL RECORD  
As Albert W. Skilly, #22136,  
arrested Police Department  
St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 7, 1931; charge,  
Investigation; released.  
As Albert W. Skilly, #24454-1,  
arrested Police Department  
Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
March 21, 1932; charge,  
auto theft; released.

Albert W. Skilly is wanted for harboring the fugitive John Dillinger  
at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 14, 1934.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information  
or criminal record to the nearest office of the Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of  
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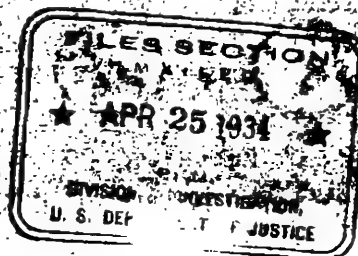
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNLEY

With reference to the Billinger situation at Little Bohemia, near Philadelphia, Wisconsin, I wish that you would make certain that we obtain, as soon as possible, a full and detailed report concerning this entire situation. The reason I mention it is that by reason of the continued investigation of Billinger in the Middle West, Mr. Glavin, Mr. Egan and Mr. Purvis may delay the pending in of their version of this incident. In view of the importance of the same, I think it necessary that we have a complete statement from each of these three officials of the Division as soon as possible.

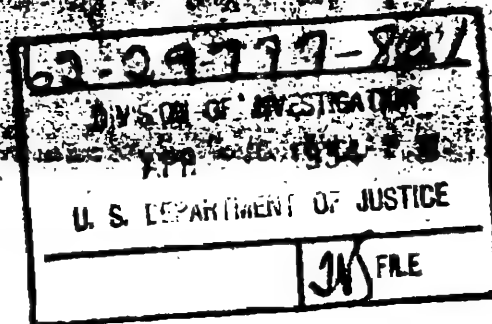
Very truly yours,

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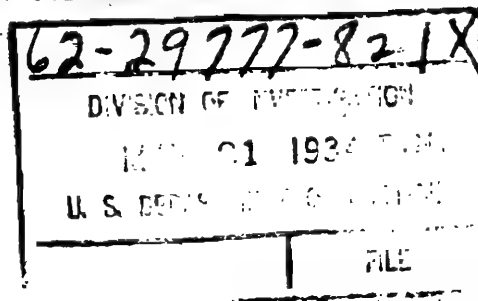
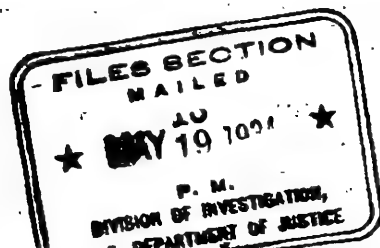
## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

I telephoned Mr. Clegg at St. Paul in regard to the petition being circulated requesting the suspension of Mr. Farris. I gave him the substance of the article in the Washington Times today. I expressed deep concern over this petition and instructed Mr. Clegg to submit by air mail a statement as to the exact occurrence at Little Bohemia with regard to the shooting, and stated that I also desired Mr. Farris to submit a similar statement. Mr. Clegg advised that he dictated such a statement last night. I instructed that he obtain the exact information as to the petition from Mr. Rorer and advise us so that we could decide what steps to take. Mr. Clegg stated he would call me.

Mr. Clegg called last night. He stated he had talked to Mr. Rorer since this morning. Rorer has given the initial identification on Pat Heilly and also has Agents checking the possibility that Heilinger might still be in the Wisconsin vicinity, as well as evidence on the Ross shooting. He is contacting the coroner and sheriff. Mr. Clegg advised Mr. Rorer of the petition. He had not heard of it and doubted its existence. He stated, however, he would find out about it. The first information Mr. Clegg received as to the petition was from Chicago, which came from a Chicago Tribune reporter.

Mr. Clegg stated that when he and Mr. Farris were in the home of Mr. Foss, near Little Bohemia, the morning after the shooting, Chicago reporters also appeared at that residence in telephone in Chicago reporting their arrival. At that time Mr. Farris stated he heard these reporters mention his name, just before they called the Tribune, which caused him to make the comment to Mr. Clegg that they were probably newspaper reporters. However, in their conversation on the phone, they merely reported their presence and stated they were ready to go to the hospital to see the men who were shot. Mr. Clegg then telephoned the hospital and asked that the authorities there cooperate in not allowing any one to see the wounded men except those having an official right to do so. The hospital agreed to do this.

Mr. Clegg, upon my inquiry, stated that from conversations had with Mr. Rorer last night and this morning, he believed that he is able to handle the situation in Wisconsin. As to relationships in the Wisconsin territory, Mr. Rorer stated that at one time there was quite a bit of comment made concerning the shooting of the C.S.C. men, but that the residents in that vicinity



now been to be sitting with us. Mr. Clegg stated there is a statement in a St. Paul paper today to the effect that the Sheriff in the Little Bohemia vicinity is alleged to have made a remark that he didn't see how a Senator in Washington could properly criticize the Sheriff; that they offered and gave their full cooperation. It appears from this that the Sheriff is antagonized by Senator Copeland's statement.

I discussed with Mr. Clegg the advisability of his proceeding to Wisconsin. He stated tonight that either he or Mr. Egan should remain in St. Paul since Mr. Egan's time is occupied with local conditions. Mr. Clegg stated he was personally of the opinion that Mr. Egan is able to handle the Wisconsin situation, and suggested that he call Mr. Egan and tell him to see the Sheriff and make a statement to the effect that the Sheriff offered every possible cooperation and that we had no criticism to make of his activity at all. Mr. Clegg suggested that such a statement be made in the presence of a newspaper representative. I stated, however, that I felt this probably would not be wise, but that if the Sheriff agreed to make this statement public, he might do so. Mr. Clegg advised that the Sheriff had already issued a public statement that he had offered his full cooperation and that he didn't see how a Senator in Washington could make criticism of something that happened in the north of Wisconsin. Mr. Clegg also advised that an A.P. story had appeared in the paper which gave almost a correct version of how this information was reported, showing that the info was alleged out in a cigarette package. He thought possibly this information had been given to the newspaper by residents of the community and may have been listening in to conversations between the law officials.

With regard to the Sheriff and his posse, Mr. Clegg stated that just at day-break after the shooting at Little Bohemia, he advised him, Mr. Clegg, that the Sheriff and about sixty men were waiting about a mile and a half away. They approached at day-break, and Mr. Clegg, upon noticing their approach, ascertained their identity and made arrangements so that our men would not harm them. From the place we stood, this posse was visible.

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April 23, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
903 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

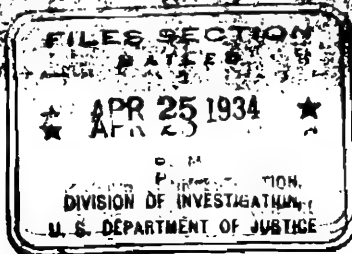
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith three charts representing the identification of latent fingerprints found on a historic bottle with the fingerprints of Billings.

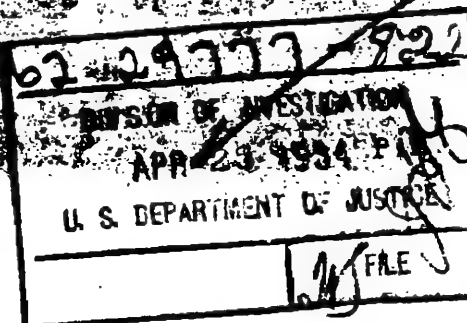
Very truly yours,

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Hope, Ark., April 24, 1934.

U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen,

The fight by the Federal Government to conquer the gangster has impressed me; particularly the fight to capture Public Enemy, No. 1, Dillinger.

I believe I have a plan whereby he can be captured. If you feel interested in the plan, I'll submit it to you, in person, here or any place you designate, asking only that my expenses be taken care of.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours, sincerely,

F. X. Nejim,  
Taylor's Cafe.

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Mr. F. Wajin,  
Taylor's Cafe,  
Hope, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

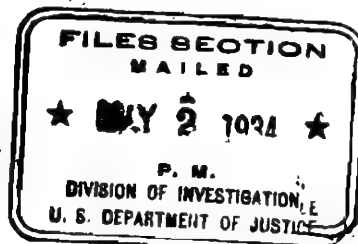
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 24, 1934 advising that you have a plan which, in your opinion, will effect the apprehension of John Dillinger.

Your interest in this connection is greatly appreciated, and it is suggested that you submit your plan, or as much as you may care to divulge in writing, to Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in order that he may give it consideration with a view to making arrangements to have you contacted.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

Madison, Wisconsin  
April 25, 1934

MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. COWLEY \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EDWARDS \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. QUINN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. LESTER \_\_\_\_\_  
CHIEF CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. ROSS \_\_\_\_\_

Director, Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN DILLINGER

Fugitive - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434

Dear Sir:

Per instructions of inspector H. H. Clegg, I transmit herewith front and side view photographs of the following women, arrested at "Little Bohemia Lodge", Vilas County, Wisconsin, April 23, 1934, now charged in the Western District of Wisconsin with harboring John Dillinger, a fugitive from justice on a U. S. warrant:

1. Mrs. Theodore Ancker, alias Rose Ancker, whose true name is thought to be Marie Marian Conforti.
2. Ann Sothern, alias Anne Sothern, alias Anne Southern.
3. Marian Virginia Marr, alias Mrs. Joseph J. Marr.

Fingerprints of these three parties were furnished the division by the St. Paul office, April 25, 1934.

This is sent direct, per instructions of inspector Clegg.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Chicago and St. Paul offices, and those offices are also being furnished copies of these pictures.

Very truly yours,  
S. W. Hardy  
S. W. HARDY  
Special Agent

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Madison, Wisconsin  
April 22, 1934

Mr. E. E. Clegg  
Inspector, Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 818  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: JOHN DILLINGER  
Fugitive - Red '1 Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
St. Paul File No. 25-5424

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith bill of the Madison Photo Service, 723 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, for the photographs of Ross Ancker, Ann Southern and Marian Virginia Marr, taken per your instructions. Will you please make the necessary arrangements to pay this bill in line for payment, as I have advised Mr. Hoffman that he may expect payment from our division through you.

With regard to the woman whom we have heretofore known as Ross Ancker, alias Mrs. Theodore Ancker. She advises me now that her correct name is Miss Marie Marian Conforti; that she is not married to Theodore Ancker, alias Ted Ancker, but that she has lived with him in Chicago, Illinois since March 12, 1934; does not know the address where they lived, but states that it is on the north side of Chicago in the four thousand block on a street running parallel with Clark Street, either two or three blocks west of Clark Street. Perhaps the Chicago office already knows of some apartment house in this vicinity occupied by members of the Dillinger gang. Miss Conforti, alias Ancker, states that up to Christmas, 1933, she was employed at Scott's five cent to one dollar store (at perhaps it was Krueger's), which is located on North Avenue between Grand and California Streets in Chicago, her position being that of an extra sales lady; that prior to March 12, 1934 she lived at a rooming house run by a landlady called "M", located at 1740 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; states that her father's name was Leone Conforti; that he died in Chicago, January 21, 1923; that she (Marie Marian Conforti) was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 14, 1913; that her mother is now paralyzed, and in the Oak Forest Sanatorium at Oak Forest, Illinois, under either the name of Minor Krause or Minor Conforti, Krause being her mother's maiden name; that the data previously obtained from her to the effect that she was in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, as

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Rose Ancher from March 20 to April 11, 1934, to the letterhead of the landlady "Mr.", 1740 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois, is holding a suit bag and a trunk of her's because she could not pay her rent and, having held these articles since March 1, 1934, and that these are the articles which can be opened by the keys found in her handbag at the time of her arrest.

One copy of this letter is being submitted to the Division and two copies to the Chicago office, in view of the fact that they are probably making an investigation at that point regarding Marie Marion Comforti, alias Rose Ancher.

For your information, there was a hearing before a United States Commissioner at Madison, Wisconsin today, April 23, 1934, in which Rose Ancher, Ann Southern and Marion Virginia Marr were arraigned, and each entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of harboring John Dillinger, a federal fugitive from justice, and they were bound over to await the action of the grand jury operating at Madison, Wisconsin on May 7, 1934, in bonds of \$50,000.00 each.

Very truly yours,

WHL:RM

S. C. HARRY  
Special Agent

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **26-1810 MEC**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/25/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/18-26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. J. [illegible]</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1234; JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1234; HOMER VAN METER, with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1234;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

All bus companies, steamship lines and agencies, commercial and private landing fields, Pullman conductors and porters in Philadelphia District contacted and requested to be on lookout for Dillinger, Hamilton, and Van Meter.

**REFERENCE:**

Division letter dated 4-2-34  
Report of Special Agent H. F. Clayton, Philadelphia, 4-5-34  
Division telegram dated 4-12-34

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHILADELPHIA**

**Bus Companies**

Contact was made with Mr. A. Hill, Quaker City Bus Line, 1311 Arch Street; E. H. Stagers, Superintendent, Great Eastern Stages, 13 North 13th Street; E. Klett's Philadelphia Union Bus Terminal, 13th and Filbert Streets; George F. Buzby, Superintendent, Pennsylvania Railroad Police; and Bruce Stouts, Superintendent, Reading Railroad Police. All of whom were furnished Identification Orders of Dillinger, Hamilton, and Van Meter, with the request that they furnish every bus driver coming into the Philadelphia terminals with one each of these Identification Orders.

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED:**

*L. J. [illegible]*

**SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE**

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The above named companies constitute all the sea lines in the Philadelphia district.

#### Steamship Companies and Agencies

Contact was made with the following officials of steamship companies which constitute the only lines carrying passengers to and from the Port of Philadelphia:

B. E. Mittler, Ericsson Line, Pier 9

John Leigh, Merchants & Miners Transportation, Pier 18

Paul E. Kauffman, manager, Quappart Line, Elm and Chestnut Streets

Arrangements were made with the above named individuals to furnish all masters and purser of vessels with Identification Orders of Billinger, Hamilton, and Van Meter.

In addition to this, approximately 225 Steamship agencies located in Philadelphia were circularized and furnished the necessary Identification Orders.

In view of the fact that there are several oil refineries located in Philadelphia and nearby which own vessels, the following individuals were circularized and furnished the necessary Identification Orders:

Marine Superintendent, Texas Company, Marcus Hook, Pa.

Gulf Refining Company, Girard Point, Philadelphia

W. A. Bortle, Chief of Police, Sun Oil Company, Marcus Hook, Pa.

Marine Superintendent, Atlantic Refining Company, Point Breeze, Philadelphia

Minclair Oil Company, Marcus Hook, Pa.

Pure Oil Company, Marcus Hook, Pa.

#### Landing Fields - Commercial and Private

In addition to the investigation set forth in report of reference, all landing fields in the Philadelphia district, constituting forty-nine in number, at which places a plane could be chartered, were circularized and furnished the necessary Identification Orders. The list of these landing fields appears in Airways Bulletin #2, U. S. Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch.

#### Pullman Conductors and Porters

Arrangements were made with W. A. Hartley, District Superintendent of the Pullman Company, to furnish each Pullman conductor and porter in the Philadelphia district with the necessary Identification Orders.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 25, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

Re: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases, Fugitive,  
et al,  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT,  
Chicago File 26-5685

Enclosed herewith is what appears to be a  
carbon copy of a code that was found crumpled up in the Ford  
V-8 Sedan that belonged to John Hamilton, that was left by  
him with his sister, Mrs. Anna/Steve, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan  
on Tuesday night, April 17.

It is suggested that this code be sub-  
mitted to the Crime Laboratory and that efforts be made to  
decipher same.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis  
per JCB

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: John Dillinger, with aliases, Fugitive, et al. Number: 62-29777-826  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Specimens: One carbon copy of a code found in automobile abandoned by  
Dillinger Gang.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office

Date received: April 28, 1934.

Examination requested: Deciphering.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

*5/1 So far not code. Just copy  
to original copies.*



Suite 1 - Federal Building.

Kansas City, Missouri,  
April 23, 1934.

E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 532,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: JOHN WILLIAMS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1227, et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated April 20, 1934 requesting that an immediate check be had of the owner and identity of 1934 Kansas license plates # 1-25500, reported as an Oldsmobile Coupe.

Please be advised that the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department informed that 1934 Kansas license plates # 1-25500 were issued to McCarthy, 708 Nebraska Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas on a 1929 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor number 7153060. Subsequently, the following day it was ascertained that the car-name of the registrant was McCarthy, not McCarthy.

Investigation reflected that there is no such number as 708 Nebraska Avenue, that being a vacant lot, and the first house on that street being one at 708 Nebraska, occupied by Mr. James Green and his family. Mrs. Green advised Special Agent E. E. Clegg, that she formerly had a roomer there by the name of Lloyd McCarthy who had "skipped out" about two weeks ago. While McCarthy lived there, an Oldsmobile Coupe was noted in front of the Green's residence on various occasions, but McCarthy denied ownership or knowledge of such automobile. It appears, however, that the car was probably McCarthy's. Neither Mrs. Green nor any members of the household could state what the license number was on the car. Mrs. Green advised that McCarthy was about 25 years of age, five feet five inches in height, 125 pounds in weight, having blue eyes, sandy hair and a reddish complexion, also having a gold tooth on the right side. She remarked that McCarthy wore a very old ring on one finger.

The information furnished by Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lloyd McCarthy, wife of the above named individual was located at 708 Drville Street, Kansas City, Kansas, and upon being interviewed by Special Agent Clegg advised that his real name was Hamilton; further stating that her husband had departed from Kansas City after having purchased a new Royal Typewriter and a radio. Records at the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department revealed that Hamilton was subsequently picked up by Texas Hunt.

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H. H. Clegg-

Indiana Police Department where he was attempting to sell the new typewriter which he had purchased. He was released however when the concerns from whom he had purchased the articles refused to bear the expense of bringing them back. The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department records also show that Haulsten was arrested in Chicago on May 8, 1934 and was placed on probation for six months, charge not being stated in their records. Mrs. Haulsten advised that his mother's address in Indianapolis was 424 1/2 East St. Clair Street at the last time she communicated with her which was about two years ago. She also advised that Haulsten would evidently attempt to contact Vivian Wade, alleged sweetheart, address not known at South Bend, Indiana. Haulsten's wife further advised that she did not know any of his associates other than those named above and that she had no knowledge of his presence or recent whereabouts.

As to further possible information to locate Haulsten, his wife advised that he had formerly been employed by Lathrop-Meyer Motor Company located on South Capital Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. It may be also noted that Mrs. Green remarked that the individual known to her as McCarthy had informed her that he had an accident insurance policy on which he was drawing compensation with the Commonwealth Accident & Liability Company located in the Chamber of Commerce Building at Indianapolis, Indiana.

In the event that further investigation is desired to locate Haulsten, alias McCarthy, please advise, and the Kansas City office will continue its inquiries thru contacts Haulsten may have made in Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 25, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1217, et al.  
H.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

With further reference to the shooting  
of EDWARD GREEN, there has been typed up and signed the state-  
ments dictated by Special Agent in Charge Werner Miami and  
Special Agent O. G. Hall, copies of which are attached hereto.

Mr. Nathan, in his conference with the  
coroner's office, learned that FRED G. STROTH and MRS. A. W.  
COPLEY were to be subpoenaed to appear before the coroner.  
There are attached, hereto, copies of statements signed by MR.  
STROTH and MRS. COPLEY.

Very truly yours,

*H. A. Clegg*  
H. A. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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On the early morning of April 4, 1934, I left my apartment at 2114 Marshall Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to obtain information received by the office of the United States Bureau, which had been furnished the first copy of a letter from the Chicago office dated March 22, 1934, which was the first of a series of letters from the Chicago office to the New York office, dated April 1, 1934, and April 2, 1934, and April 3, 1934, and April 4, 1934, and April 5, 1934, and April 6, 1934, and April 7, 1934, and April 8, 1934, and April 9, 1934, and April 10, 1934, and April 11, 1934, and April 12, 1934, and April 13, 1934, and April 14, 1934, and April 15, 1934, and April 16, 1934, and April 17, 1934, and April 18, 1934, and April 19, 1934, and April 20, 1934, and April 21, 1934, and April 22, 1934, and April 23, 1934, and April 24, 1934, and April 25, 1934, and April 26, 1934, and April 27, 1934, and April 28, 1934, and April 29, 1934, and April 30, 1934, and May 1, 1934, and May 2, 1934, and May 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On my suggestion Special Agent Hartley and myself were detailed to keep this house under surveillance on the outside which was done beginning at approximately 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. After about an hour Special Agents Hall and Brennan drove by and advised me of assignment they had in the neighborhood. At that time it was suggested that they remain in the immediate vicinity and cruise the vicinity for any automobiles they

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*W. H. Harrison*



immediately drove to the St. Paul office. During the time of the approach of GREEN with his Terraplane automobile and until I was approximately twenty feet from where GREEN was lying, there was no person in sight either on the streets or in the windows of any near by house. In fact, there were no eye witnesses to the shooting except Lewis Brown and Hall, who approached from the opposite direction towards where GREEN lay.

In a brief interview with JOHN GREEN, at the office, questioning her with the help of the large group of witnesses to the shooting, were obtained which was furnished, designating the particular key for her apartment 207, 2000 Fremont Avenue, South Minneapolis.

As reported in other reports submitted by this agent, different drivers' licenses were found at the scene and addresses other than the Fremont address, namely, 64 West Summit, St. Paul and 631 Marshall Place, St. Paul. Agent Hall and another agent were designated with two police squads to cover 64 West Summit and 631 Marshall. Agents Coulter and Hotelstein, accompanied by Chief Hall and Inspector Markey proceeded to Minneapolis and with two Minneapolis Detectives proceeded to 2000 Fremont Avenue, where the employee of the manager of the apartment, with permission of the manager, opened them to apartment 207, which was entered and search conducted, resulting in the finding of considerable number of articles, from which latent prints were taken. There was also found a large black leather bag, which was opened with a key on the key ring belonging to JOHN GREEN. This bag contained a .38 caliber pocket pistol, a Thompson sub-machine gun, a .45 caliber automatic pistol, a high-powered rifle, and 70 rounds of ammunition, 2 boxes of Rem-UMC Remington-Union Cartridge Company, all of which were removed to the St. Paul Division office and there deposited in the custody of Mr. Bauer and Mr. Clegg.

Agents Coulter and Hotelstein, together with the Minneapolis Police officers, who arrived in St. Paul, remained until I could call the office to being called.



CONFIDENTIAL  
April 11, 1964

MEMORANDUM TO DIRECTOR, FBI

On the afternoon of April 5, 1964, Special Agents J.E. Brennan and G.E. Hall were awaiting in a Hudson Coupe in the neighborhood of Aron and Rande Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota, awaiting the arrival of the individual expected to call for a pickup at 775 Rande Street. At the instruction of Mr. Warner, Special Agent in Charge, our training was as planned so as to join the driver of Aron and Rande Streets about seven feet from the corner of Aron and Rande Streets in Aron Street. Agent G.E. Hall was with him. He had been advised that in the house at 775 Rande Street was Special Agent R.E. Stevenson, George Brown, and W.F. Smith.

Some time between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M., my recollection being that it was about 5:00 P.M., Brennan and this agent turned on to Aron Street from the east, one block south of Rande. We were driving the Hudson. As we turned the corner and went north on Aron Street, we saw an Essex Terraplane parked on our left on Aron, about seventy-five feet from the corner of Aron and Rande Streets. At the same time, we saw a man standing Aron around the corner of the house at 775 Rande, carrying in his left hand a yellow leather bag. In his previously stated that, in the event of such a situation, Brennan would leave the Hudson and I would run into the car that was parked. Brennan opened the right door of the Hudson and we were now about one hundred fifty feet from the car with the bag and shooting to him. Just then he heard shots. The man stepped at the curb of Aron between the sidewalk and the curbing, about directly across from the rear window of the house at 775 Rande Street. At the same time, I opened the door in the Terraplane and Brennan and I left the Hudson in the road and ran to the man on the ground, reaching there about the same time the man from the Terraplane reached him. I asked the man, who was hurt, and he said, "Honest, I am hurt." He immediately grabbed the gun on the ground and then Brennan went to the corner to help the seriously injured man and I stood guard over the man and the wound. This man, I later learned, was KENNIE CHEN. A member of the WILLIAMSON mob. The man shot in the right shoulder and in the back. The Essex Terraplane was shot in the left rear tire and, I understand, the motor was also shot. A few minutes after the shooting, an ambulance appeared and took the injured man away.

At the time we appeared on the scene, we have a very distinct recollection that there was no one on the street except the woman in the Terraplane and Agent Hardy and Special Agent in Charge Warner Hanni, in addition to KENNIE CHEN.

Respectfully submitted,  
G.E. Hall, Special Agent. *G.E. Hall*  
J.E. Brennan, Special Agent

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
April 19, 1934

My name is F. A. Storch and I reside at 724 Bunde Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

At about six p.m., on April 8, 1934, I was at my home sitting near the window listening to my radio when I looked out the window and saw a closed car stop on Bunde Street on the opposite side from the house occupied by Louis Goodman, believed.

I saw a man get out of this car and walk across the street toward the Goodman home but took my eyes off him when he was about half way across the street and I paid no more attention to him but listened to my radio until a few minutes later when I heard a noise which I thought was the back fire of an automobile. I immediately looked out of the window again and the first thing I saw was a man coming out of the Goodman house with what looked like a rifle and the thought occurred to me that perhaps he was a police officer who had been called to shoot a dog which I had known to be vicious, and in that neighborhood.

Just after I noticed this man with the rifle, I saw a woman get out of the car across the street, from which I have previously seen a man get out and walk towards the Goodman house. I watched her cross the street and when she reached the sidewalk beside the Goodman house, I noticed a man lying on the ground and saw the woman kneel and take his head in her lap. By this time, several men had reached the man on the ground but I did not see where they came from.

The windows and doors of my house were closed and I was interested in my radio, which was fairly loud at the time, and so I could not hear any voices outside of the house. I heard only one or two shots, which sounded like a rifle or a back fire.

Sincerely,  
*F. A. Storch*

*W. A. Davis, Inspector*

*Sam Hardy - Special Agent*  
*Miss G. J. Smith*  
*W. S. Wilson - J. J. Smith*  
*W. A. Davis*

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

My name is Mrs. M. E. Copley, 778 Mendota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Shortly before six o'clock on the afternoon of April 8, 1934, I was seated on a couch alongside the dining room window in my house at 778 Mendota Street when I saw a rather nice looking automobile drive up on Avon Street on the same side of the street on which my residence is located. A man got out of this car and proceeded rather hurriedly to the residence of some Negroes located at 778 Mendota Street. He proceeded to the side door, which opened into an enclosed porch, and he placed his hand on the door knob. At this point, I looked away from that was going on outside the window and shortly thereafter, I heard some noise. When I first looked up, I saw the woman in the car returned to the car and she was looking out the back window at this car and then began acting rather nervously. She then began getting out of the car and I looked across the street and saw a man lying on the boulevard and his car was still rolling along.

The windows and the doors to my house were closed at this time. I did not see anyone do any actual shooting, and I did not see the man who apparently was shot, from the time he touched the door knob on the outside entrance to the house located at 778 Mendota until a short time later when I saw him lying on the boulevard.

Signed this 15th day of April, 1934.

Mrs. M. E. Copley

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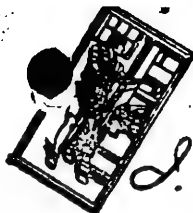
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J. Edgar Hoover, D. C.  
 Whaling in D. C.  
 my dear Mr. J. E. H.  
 Reading the Dillinger news last  
 we that this may be the way to  
 now I think that he has tried to  
 put in jail; charges will harbor him. I am positive that Dill  
 last in jail; charges will harbor him. I am positive that Dill  
 would try to spring his father. I am positive that Dill  
 Please keep this secret.

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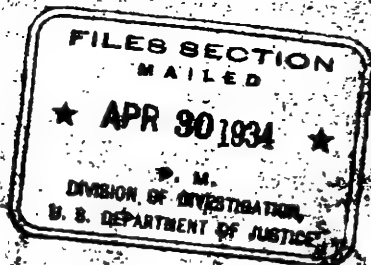
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter  
dated April 23, 1934, suggesting a method to be  
used in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger.

The interest manifested by you in this  
matter is greatly appreciated and your suggestion  
will be given due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MR. HAWARDS  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. QUINN  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

FILE NO. **25-5685**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**FILE JOHN DALLINGER et al.**

**I. 1. 1917; JOHN HAMILTON et al.**

**2. 1924; HENRY VAN METTER et al.**

**FUGITIVE, I. 1. 1922, et al.**

**NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
CONSPIRACY OF JUSTICE**

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Purvis and Special Agent in Charge Larson of Detroit on April 19, 1934, in which it was stated that Mr. Larson's informant stated that John Hamilton had been in the past few days at Chicago, Indiana, and Hamilton was looking over the ground for the purpose of kidnapping George Jackson, Treasurer of the Hall of the Chicago Police Department. Hamilton stated that he had been in the city of Indianapolis and had informed him that she was going to Muncie, Indiana, to contact a Mr. Barry who runs a liquor joint there.

## DETAILS:

The telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis and Special Agent in Charge William Larson of Detroit on April 19, 1934, is set forth below:

Hamilton was in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, and was looking over the ground for the purpose of kidnapping George Jackson, Treasurer of the Hall of the Chicago Police Department. Hamilton stated that he had been in the city of Indianapolis and had informed him that she was going to Muncie, Indiana, to contact a Mr. Barry who runs a liquor joint there.

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*J. B. Billings*  
SPECIAL AGENT  
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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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the ground with a view to kidnapping George J. Hill, Secretary and Treasurer of the Hall Brothers Company (a firm that had been listed at 70 million dollars). This information was furnished to Mr. Larson's informant by a racketeer in Indianapolis, Indiana, who the informant was going to pull this job had contacted with a view to having him do it. However, he turned the job down.

Mr. Larson's informant went to Indianapolis on April 18th with a friend of the person who furnished the above information. He claims that he saw Mary Kinder there at that date and she indicated that she was going to Muncie, Ind. and she would see him later. She indicated that she was going to see a Mr. Berry. Hugh Berry is a former convict, having served a term in the Indiana State Penitentiary, who runs a "Klondike Plant" at Muncie.

Meanwhile Special Agent in Charge Larson and Special Agent in Charge Connelley of Cincinnati went to Muncie, Ind. on April 19th. Connelley arrived in Muncie at the same time the informant came. He also knew him and the informant gave them the information listed above, together. They arranged to meet their informant at Berry's place later in the evening. Incidentally, it appeared from the description informant gave of Mary Kinder that he was lying, since his description was not correct.

At about 11:00 P.M. Special Agent in Charge Larson and Connelley went into the place operated by Berry and Larson contacted this man Berry. Larson asked him if anybody from Indianapolis had been down and he said not. Larson then said "You know who I mean. Have you seen Mary Kinder", and his reply was "I do not know her". Larson then told Berry that he had a couple of men he wanted to put away for a couple of weeks and wondered if he knew a place--explaining that the place they had ready was hot and could not be used. After some conversation with Berry he said that he was in a couple of weeks ago and wanted a place to put a couple of men for a couple of weeks. Mr. Larson mentioned Williams and Hamilton and Berry said that those were the men who were wanted to hide.

On Thursday morning, April 20th, Agent Morton from Union City, Ind., got a call from Collins of the Detective Bureau of Indianapolis, regarding the kidnapping. Collins had been in Indianapolis and then came down to Muncie. Collins informed Agent Morton that he had secured this information from an attorney, but refused to divulge his name. The attorney told Collins that last Sunday a Dr. W. V. Smith of Union City, Indiana, a dentist, had attended the Elks Convention and had contacted a Gene Williams and told him that there

would be a man to see him on Monday. Williams said another attorney who had done a "fix" in the Indiana State Prison. On Monday a man did come to see Williams but was very vague, indicating that a "match" was to be perpetrated and that Williams was to be the victim. The following day Williams got drunk and talked to his attorney, who told Collins about it. Williams told his attorney friend that the man who had contacted him was coming back to see him at 8:00 o'clock Monday night. However he hadn't gone to his office and hadn't seen him since. Mr. J. L. Smith has served a term for manslaughter. The aforementioned Williams was sent up from Indiana on a postal violation for five years.

A copy of this report is being placed in Chicago file No. 7-104, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - GEORGE A. HALL - Victim - KIDNAPING.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Clegg called about 3:30 P.M. from St. Paul and stated that they had succeeded in locating a photograph and fingerprints of Pat Reilly, the first lieutenant of Harry Sawyer; that Pat Reilly was arrested under the name of Albert W. Reilly by the St. Paul Police Department on January 7, 1931 for investigation and was released. His description is as follows:

Age 23 (November 1931)  
Height 5 ft. 7 1/2 inches  
Weight 128 1/2  
Eyes Blue  
Hair Light chestnut  
Complexion Medium florid  
Build Slender  
Police No.-St. Paul P.D. #22456  
Fingerprint Classification:  
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Remarks: He is believed to be heavier and probably slightly taller.

Mr. Clegg stated that the Police advised that copies of the fingerprints were not forwarded to the Division; however, photographic copies are being obtained as soon as they can be developed, which will be the first thing in the morning; that three copies of Reilly's photograph have been obtained, one copy of which was forwarded to Inspector Rorer and another copy to Agent Hardy at Madison, Wisconsin, where he is questioning the girls who are being held in the jail there; that Agent Hardy has advised that the three girls gave their names as Rose Ancker, Ann Southern and Marion Marr; that they refuse to give any information but will be questioned until they do. Mr. Clegg will send the photograph and photographic copy of the fingerprints the first thing in the morning by air mail special delivery.

I have called the Identification Unit and given them the police number, fingerprint classification and description of Albert W. Reilly in order that a check could be made for a further record. A report of the results of their search has not been received.

Respectfully,

*T. H. Stapleton*

T. H. Stapleton.

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April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Harry Gusack, of Universal Service, telephoned this evening to inquire concerning a story carried by the Associated Press to the effect that approximately 100 Department of Justice men from all sections of the country are working on the Dillinger matter in the Middle West. I informed Mr. Gusack that there is no basis for this statement.

MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
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P. O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
April 25, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. #1217 - FUGITIVE; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with alias, I. O. #1220 - FUGITIVE;  
HOMER VANMETER, with aliases, I. O.  
#1222 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

On instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, copies of the report furnished by Special Agent J. M. Towler, dated Birmingham, Alabama, April 20, 1934, relative to the above captioned matter, are being forwarded to the following offices for information:

Charlotte  
New Orleans  
Jacksonville  
St. Louis  
Oklahoma City

Dallas  
Pittsburgh  
San Antonio  
Washington  
Kansas City

Very truly yours,

*D. O. Smith*

D. O. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

In reply to your inquiry contained on the Director's memo of April 9th, attached, concerning the fingerprints of the women arrested with Dillinger at Tucson, Arizona, I beg to advise as follows:

When it was brought to my attention, through the Posting Section, that the fingerprints of these women had not been received from the Tucson Police Department, I dictated the letter dated March 7th, calling the attention of the Chief of Police at Tucson to this fact. This letter was forwarded as a matter of record and the usual follow-up was noted in the files. In this connection it is noted that the Tucson letter did not indicate specifically that the fingerprints of these women had been forwarded to us. The follow-up was not dispatched to the Tucson Police before the matter came directly to the Division's attention during the latter part of March, when an inquiry was made here whether Ann Martin's fingerprints had been received. At that time I telephoned Mr. Stapleton, informing him that we had written the Tucson Police suggesting that these prints be forwarded.

In view of the facts existing in this case, I shall take steps to see that our follow-ups are followed at earlier dates, or at least that in matters of this character, affecting notorious criminals, the attention of the interested field office is called to the failure of the arresting department to submit fingerprints. Ordinarily the Identification Unit does not follow the transmittal of fingerprints by law enforcement agencies, because if there is a Federal interest in the case, the field office is charged with the responsibility of making certain that the fingerprints are submitted to us.

This situation brings to mind the thought that it might be advisable, because of the fast-moving recent developments, for a definite arrangement to be made at the seat of government to insure that fingerprints of all notorious criminals arrested are received here. Such an arrangement, I believe, could be effected through the interested supervisor at the Division proper submitting short memorandums by routing slips, if necessary, to this Unit to "flag" certain records expected from certain points and we could then keep in constant touch with the situation. In the instant case I am frank to admit that it was only a coincidence that we happened to write to the Tucson officials at all, suggesting that these prints be forwarded. If the Tucson authorities had not sent a letter which seemed to indicate that the prints had been forwarded, the Identification Unit would have had no method of knowing the names of the individuals arrested with Dillinger at Tucson and would, in the absence of the advice from the Tucson officials as to the names of these persons whose fingerprints presumably were forwarded, have assumed that the prints of all persons arrested there had been taken and

Give this suggestion  
immediate attention.  
7/10/34 JEA

transmitted to us in the usual manner.

It would seem that some steps should be instituted locally to insure the receipt of all records of this character here and not to place too much reliance on field offices. In this connection the field offices probably would take steps to see that we receive fingerprints only in instances where a Federal case is involved; yet in many of these cases I rather fancy that important potential Federal subjects may be overlooked.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. C. Schilder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "C".

L. C. Schilder.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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I called Agent Coulter at St. Paul relative to the information to the effect that Dillinger is now reported to be in St. Paul. Agent Coulter advised that he had just received this information; that three men had abandoned the Ford Coupe in South St. Paul and had stolen a Ford Deluxe Coupe; that it is a dark colored machine with red wire wheels; that the car was last seen about an hour and fifteen minutes ago on the Ford road south of the Twin Cities; that he did not know in what direction it was going. Agent Coulter advised that before the Ford Coupe was abandoned this morning there was a shooting about ten o'clock in St. Paul Park; that this Coupe was shot at by a Deputy Sheriff; that the Deputy advised that he had shot the man in the middle. Agent Coulter advised that when he received information to the effect that the Ford Deluxe Coupe was last seen one of the men in it was wrapped in a blanket, which indicated that he was shot by the Deputy Sheriff. Agent Coulter is sending two Agents to South Saint Paul to take care of the matter.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

Agent Coulter later called and advised that the machine which was stolen was a Ford V-8, 1933 model Maroon Deluxe Coach; Minnesota 1934 license tags B-455209; owner, Roy Francis; car taken in a "Stick-up" between St. Paul and South St. Paul; information received by St. Paul Police Department at 1:21 P. M. today. The car that was abandoned contained a considerable amount of blood. Police are broadcasting this information and the country around St. Paul is being scoured. I will advise the Chicago office and Mr. Connelley at Indianapolis of the description of the above car, probably being used by Dillinger at the present time. Agent Coulter was requested to keep the Division advised of any developments and that a number of Agents would return to St. Paul shortly.

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Johnson of the Chicago Herald & Examiner called at 4:50 A. M. and asked whether a complete report had been received at Washington on the affair at Mercer, Wisconsin. He was advised that some indication of the incident had been received. Mr. Johnson said that the paper had received a report that Dillinger and his gang had been trapped and a later report indicated that he had escaped. He asked who would have information in Chicago and he was advised to the effect that I knew of no one there who would have the information and that details were not available here.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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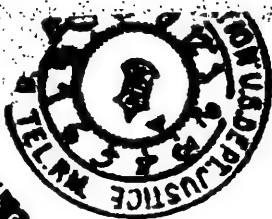
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FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED SPECIAL AGENT W E RYAN BY SPECIAL AGENT JAY C NEWMAN RELATIVE TO THE SHOOTING OF HIMSELF SPECIAL AGENT W CARTER BAUM AND OFFICER CARL CHRISTIANSEN AT SPIDER LAKE WISCONSIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT APRIL 22. WHILE AT VOSSES BIRCHWOOD HOTEL SPIDER CREEK WISCONSIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING SPECIAL AGENT SURAN TELEPHONICALLY AT RHINELANDER WISCONSIN SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN WHO WAS AT THE TIME ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIAL AGENT W CARTER BAUM AND CONSTABLE CARL CHRISTIANSEN WAS ADVISED BY THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT A ~~SUSPICIOUS~~ SUSPICIOUS CAR WITH NO LIGHTS WAS IN THE VICINITY OF KERNERS RESIDENCE WHICH IS A SHORT DISTANCE FROM VOSSES HOTEL. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN WAS DRIVING A FORD V8 COUPE IN WHICH HE SPECIAL AGENT BAUM AND OFFICER CHRISTIANSEN LEFT VOSSES HOTEL TO PROCEED TO KERNERS. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN WAS DRIVING THE CAR SPECIAL AGENT BAUM WAS SITTING IN THE MIDDLE WITH A MACHINE GUN IN HIS LAP AND OFFICER CHRISTIANSEN HAD HIS PISTOL DRAWN IN HIS HAND. AS THEY APPROACHED ~~KERNERS~~ KERNERS THEY NOTICED THE AUTOMOBILE WITH NO LIGHTS PARKED NEAR KERNERS RESIDENCE AND NOT BEING ABLE TO OBSERVE THE LICENSE PLATES AT FIRST THEY DROVE A LITTLE WAYS PAST THE HOUSE AND CAME BACK TO TAKE THE LICENSE NUMBER. WHILE THEY WERE DOING THIS THEY NOTICED A FORD AUTOMOBILE PARKED IN FRONT OF KERNERS HOUSE THE LIGHTS OF WHICH WERE BURNING AND WHICH CAR APPEARED TO BE OCCUPIED BY FOUR MEN. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN ASKED THE OCCUPANTS OF THIS CAR QUOTE WHERE IS MR KERNER UNQUOTE AND UPON RECEIVING NO RESPONSE HE SAID TO THE OCCUPANTS QUOTE WE ARE OFFICERS WHOS IN THAT CAR UNQUOTE FOLLOWING THIS LAST STATEMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN A YOUNG FELLOW GOT OUT OF THE FORD AND CAME QUICKLY OVER TO THE CAR OCCUPIED BY SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN AND THE OTHER 1934 APPROACHING THE CAR FROM THE DRIVERS SIDE HE LEVELLED AN ~~ARMED~~

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~~THE~~ AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN'S HEAD AND AT THE SAME TIME COVERED THE OTHER TWO OCCUPANTS IN THE CAR AND MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT QUOTE WE KNOW YOU HAVE ON BULLET PROOF VESTS BUT ILL SHOOT YOU IN THE HEAD GET OUT OF THAT CAR UNQUOTE SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN MADE AN EFFORT TO GRAB THE GUN FROM THIS PARTY'S HAND BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. HE ALSO MADE AN EFFORT TO REACH FOR HIS AUTOMATIC PISTOL WHICH ~~HE~~ HE WAS CARRYING IN HIS SHOULDER HOLSTER BUT THE INDIVIDUAL SAID QUOTE DONT REACH FOR THAT GUN OR ILL BLOW YOUR DAMNED HEAD OFF GET OUT OF THAT CAR UNQUOTE DURING THIS TIME NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY SPECIAL AGENT BAUM OR THE CONSTABLE TO COVER THIS INDIVIDUAL WITH THE GUNS WHICH THEY HAD BEFORE THEM. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN THEN STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE INDIVIDUAL AT WHICH TIME SPECIAL AGENT BAUM AND THE CONSTABLE APPARENTLY BEGAN TO GET OUT OF THE CAR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE. AS SOON AS SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN PLACED HIS FOOT ON THE GROUND BEFORE HE COULD TAKE ANY STEPS TO GRAB THE INDIVIDUAL THIS PARTY FIRED HIS GUN DIRECTLY AT SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN'S HEAD THE BULLET STRIKING HIM A GLANCING BLOW IMMEDIATELY OVER THE RIGHT EYE. AS A RESULT SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY THIS BULLET AND FELL TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN WAS THE FIRST OF THE GROUP ON WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL FIRED AND COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AS TO EXACTLY HOW SPECIAL AGENT BAUM AND CONSTABLE CHRISTIANSEN WERE SHOT BY THIS INDIVIDUAL. UPON REGAINING ~~CONSCIOUSNESS~~ CONSCIOUSNESS SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN OBSERVED THAT THE CAR IN WHICH HE AND THE OTHERS HAD DRIVEN TO KERNERS WAS BEING BACKED OUT INTO THE HIGHWAY BY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD SHOT THEM AND HE IMMEDIATELY AROSE TO HIS KNEE AND EMPTIED HIS AUTOMATIC PISTOL AT THE CAR FIRING AT LEAST SEVEN SHOTS. SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN THEN DIRECTED HIS



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ATTENTION TO THE AUTOMOBILE WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL HAD GOTTEN OUT OF BEFORE THE SHOOTING OCCURRED AND HE STEPPED UP TO THIS CAR AND ORDERED THE OCCUPANTS TO COME OUT WITH THEIR HANDS UP AT WHICH COMMAND ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS CHRISTIANSEN CAME OUT OF THE CAR WITH HIS HANDS UP CRYING QUOTE PLEASE DONT SHOOT IN A RESIDENT UNQUOTE THE OTHER TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR HAD APPARENTLY FLED. THIS LATTER CHRISTIANSEN WHO IS NO RELATION TO THE CONSTABLE WHO WAS SHOT ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN THAT HE AND THE OTHER TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR WERE CCC WORKERS AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN HELD UP BY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DID THE SHOOTING AND WERE BEING FORCED BY HIM TO ATTEMPT TO START THE FOR<sup>D</sup> CAR AT THE TIME SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN AND THE OTHERS APPROACHED THE SCENE. CHRISTIANSEN ALSO ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT NEWMAN THAT PRIOR TO HOLDING THEM UP THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL HAD TERRORIZED THE KERNERS IN THEIR HOME IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE AN AUTOMOBILE FROM THEM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Colonel Gates of the Department called at 5:10 A. M. and inquired about the Dillinger episode. I advised him that no detailed information was available as yet, that the action was taking place in an out-of-the-way place and our men were not accessible. That as far as I knew Dillinger had not been caught. He stated that he understood the Associated Press had a story and there were reports of several other stories. To this I stated that Mr. Hoover was not here and I had no knowledge of his having given out any statements, that none were being made here, although we had numerous calls from various newspaper men.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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Mr. McIntyre, News Editor of the Chicago Tribune called at 4 A.M. and stated that he had some confusing reports which he thought Mr. Hoover would be interested in. His report says that Federal Agents at Mercer, Wisconsin had shot and killed one man and wounded two others, who were C. C. C. workers and an oil station attendant. These people had been brought into a hospital at Ironwood where his reporter was at the time. These men were listed as Eugene Dorsonsay, John Morris and John Hoffman. The three men were leaving camp when told to halt and apparently not hearing the command they continued moving and were shot by the Agents. He also had a report that Mr. Hoover was quoted by the Associated Press as having said that Dillinger was definitely surrounded in the woods near Mercer, Wisconsin. Mr. McIntyre suggested that possibly the Dillinger report is confused with the killing of the C. C. C. worker, and wanted to know if Mr. Hoover was speaking of the same affair. I advised Mr. McIntyre that I had no information that such a statement had been made by Mr. Hoover, but that if he did it was undoubtedly correct. He asked how to get in touch with Mr. Hoover and I advised him I could not reach him and that I knew of no way to do so.

Respectfully,

J.P. Cowley

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
CHIEF CLERK	✓
MR. ROBER	✓

Supervisor

Mr. Rorer called in about 6:00 p.m. to give the details of the Baum shooting. He advised that Newman was all right, that he did not have a fractured skull and that he was leaving tonight for Chicago by train at 6:53 p.m. with doctors permission. Agent Ryan was going with him.

Mr. Rorer advised that the version that Mr. Newman gave of the shooting was that he and Baum were over at another place putting thru some calls, and a woman at Corners who had heard some of these calls going through and knew that there was some Federal men there, called them and reported that there was a car parked on the road there with no lights on it. Newman, Baum, and a constable named Christianson got in a Division Ford V8 they had there and started out to see about the car reported without lights. Newman was driving, the constable was in the middle, and Baum was on the right side with a machine gun in his lap; Christianson also had a revolver in his lap.

They saw a parked car in the road at the scene of the call from Corners with no lights on and no one in it. Just as they stopped, right behind the parked car, a man jumped out of the parked car stepped over to their car and pointed an automatic at Newman's head saying, "I know you have bullet proof vests on get out of that car! Newman started to reach for his pistol and the man warned, "Don't you touch that gun; if you do I'll blow your brains out, get out of the car! Newman opened the door slowly and started to get out on the side where the man was while the other two men Baum and Christianson started to get out on the right side. Just as Newman put his foot on the ground this man hit him over the head, and the next thing he remembers is that he kind of comes to and sees the Ford Coupe he had been driving being backed around and driven off about twenty-five feet away, and he emptied his 45 automatic at it, and feels pretty sure that he must have hit it. Then he jumped up pulled out his revolver and went over to the other car that these other men were in that he had seen this man get out of and put his gun on them, and they told him that they were C.W.A. workers etc. and they helped him on into the house

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Mr. Rorer advised that he and Brennan left the place they were covering and hurried to the scene of the shooting and when they arrived the man had gone and Baum was still lying there.

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*Constable* || The car had been parked in the middle of the road and there was a fence along the side of the road and the gate was supposed to be shut, so Baum must have fallen over the little one rail fence and spun around for he was about ten yards on the inside of the fence. Mr. Rorer picked him up and he had apparently fall on the machine gun he had for the stock was broken and Baum is quite a heavy man.

Christianson was shot five or six times as well as they could tell they were not sure. Mr. Rorer advised that he might live, the first report being that he had died, but that the hospital had just advised him that he was still alive. The best information that they have is that the shooting was done with a 45 automatic.

|| Mr. Rorer stated that they had the man who did the shooting identified pretty clearly and that he didn't think that there was any doubt about it, as George Nelson, alias Baby Face Nelson. He is listed on the Chicago police bulletin, and has been mentioned by Bessie at St. Paul who calls him Jimmy and he is known as Jimmy where the shooting occurred. Mr. Rorer stated that Newman hadn't identified him yet as he hadn't seen a picture of him, and that he wasn't sure that Newman got a good look at him at the time of the shooting, but that there was no doubt about the identity, that the man over at the resort where Jimmy had been unhesitatingly picked Jimmy's picture from a group without seeing the names.

Mr. Rorer advised that newspaper photographers had been in and out all morning and had taken pictures of the house, it being a great big resort and impossible to keep them from doing it, and he thinks but he is not sure some of them had taken pictures of the guns while they were scattered out in the little garage for fingerprinting. The guns are not there now they drove them out in two cars this afternoon. Mr. Rorer said that interviews had been requested of him with the girls, but he told them none would be granted under any condition. He advised that there was no jail there, and that tonight the sheriff and two Agents were taking the girls down to the county jail at Madison, Wisconsin, Madison being in the same district it not being advisable to remove the girls from that district. And the two Agents were interrogating them for information. He doesn't think that either of the three is Pat Cherrington; that they are some one that we don't know much about, but of course they have no means of identification as yet.

Due to the difficulty of getting private phones where he is now Mr. Rorer gave me the following lead and asked that I give it to Chicago. He stated that under the rug in Dillinger's room they found a little penciled notation at the top of which appeared the words 'Red Hair' and that under that appears 'Perl Hellman', with a little 'a' over the top of Perl indicating that it should be Pearl. Then the address 305 Harrison Street, Wishawka, Indiana. Under that there is a notation which looks like a telephone number, 'ked 7357', there is a line drawn under that and beneath the line there appears '3307 Warrens Boulevard, Apartment 705', and that is all there is on the note. *Wine*

April 23, 1934.

They also found in his room an envelope addressed to Lieutenant Piquette and that is intended for a Chicago point. On the inside of the envelope they found the following typewritten letter about a page long, which Mr. Rorer read to me:

"It is my desire that you will represent me in procuring my wrist watch and two rings that I have placed in the Broadway Trust and Savings Bank at Broadway and Diversey (or Dibersey). It is probable that the investigating officers have already had possession but I believe that they have placed them back again. If it is necessary that I grant you the power of attorney in obtaining said possessions it is so bequeathed. The key to this particular vault will be presented with this letter. Your immediate action upon this matter will be greatly appreciated

Sincerely yours"

Mr. Rorer advised that the letter was not signed and that there was no key with it as referred to in the letter.

As to the people who have been up there Mr. Rorer stated that the man who runs the place had identified Dillinger, Hamilton, Tommy Carroll, Van Meter, Nelson, and a man named Pat age 30, 5' 8", 150 lbs., light complected, a paunch stomach, very poor teeth, light hair. He requested that I call the St. Paul office and ask them to check to see if this man Pat could be Pat Reilly, advising them that Pat left the resort Friday with a woman and was supposed to return Saturday night but didn't do it. I called Agent Nicholson at St. Paul and advised him of the above mentioned individual.

Mr. Rorer advised that Mr. Hanni and McIntire were taking care of the Baum matter, that he was trying to get him embalmed there and then send him right into Chicago.

In connection with the newspaper men and the publicity I advised Mr. Rorer to be very courteous to them, although apparently they had already taken the pictures.

Mr. Rorer said that he hadn't patched it together yet but he had just received information from one of the Agents working on it that they had found a letter which somebody had tried to chew up. In attempting to put the parts together he said that it appears to be a letter from Louie Cernocky to this man delivered by Nelson to the effect that the rest of the parties were his friends and to treat them as such. Of course that isn't definite yet, as the letter hasn't been completely pieced together as yet. Mr. Rorer said that he ask this man if he knew Cernocky and he stated that Cernocky was a friend of his.

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Mr. Rorer advised that the Ford car went on to St. Paul and the Buick was sent to Chicago, and that all the exhibits had been taken from there whether or not these exhibits the guns and baggage had been taken to St. Paul or Chicago he wasn't sure but stated that it was his impression that it was all taken to Chicago.

Mr. Rorer was advised that no privilege was to be granted newspaper men to interview or photograph the three girls. Also that one of the cars that was used by the gangsters at the Little Bohemian Club was found abandoned at St. Paul today.

Mr. Rorer advised that they were going to cover everything completely but as quickly as possible and leave as soon as they could get away.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.



# THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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## MEMORANDUM

*Thanks; this was mentioned to the Press*

*[Signature]*

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I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR INQUIRY AS TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND AGENTS OF THIS DEPARTMENT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AT NO TIME HAS THERE BEEN ANY STATEMENT ISSUED BY THIS OFFICE WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY AS REFLECTING UPON THE COOPERATION ASSISTANCE AND HELP WHICH YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS RENDERED. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN ANY LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND THIS DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE AUTHORITIES BOTH STATE AND MUNICIPAL HAVE GENERALLY IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WORKED IN PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IN ALL MATTERS OF MUTUAL

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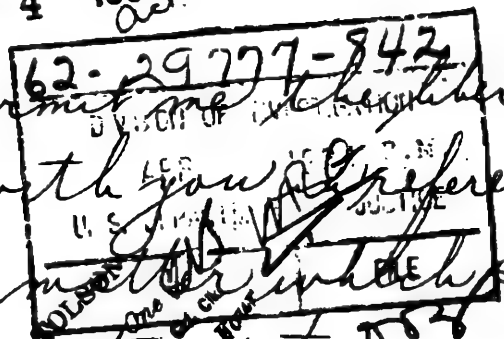
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Letter New York  
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TNS.

Kindly permit me the liberty  
of corresponding with you <sup>in</sup> reference  
to a very serious matter which I  
know is of great interest to you.  
After having read about the  
great difficulty in the capture of  
John Dillinger, who has caused





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April 23, 1934  
25-27 Linden Blvd.  
Glen Park, Long Island  
New York

Honorable J. E. Hoover  
Chief of the Division of Investigation  
Dep't of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly permit me the liberty of corresponding with you in reference to a very serious matter which I know is of great interest to you.

After having heard about the great difficulty in the capture of John Dillinger who has caused the loss of many lives and the destruction of property, I have a plan which I am quite certain will help in his capture. According to this plan he would give himself up to me or vice versa in a trap which I planned for him.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this plan with you or your representative by personal interview.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply as I am almost certain my plan will be of very great service to you, I remain

Yours truly,

(Signed) Joe. M. Oliver,  
25-27 Linden Boulevard,  
Glen Park, Long Island,  
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Mr. Joseph A. Givens,  
96-27 Linden Boulevard,  
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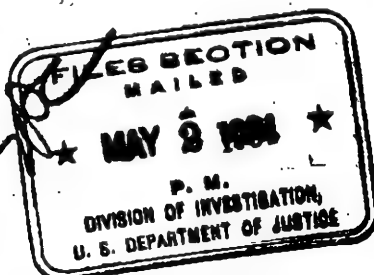
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 23, 1934 advising that you would like to be of assistance in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger and that you have a plan which you would like to discuss with a representative of this Division.

Your interest in this matter is very much appreciated and I desire to advise that Mr. W. E. Fay, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York, New York, has been requested to have an Agent from his office contact you.

Very truly yours,

Director.



*Handwritten initials*

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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New York, New York.

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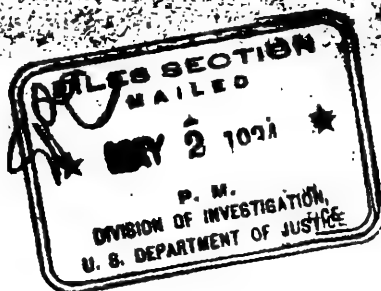
There is attached a copy of a letter received from Mr. Joseph A. Oliver, 95-27 Linden Boulevard, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York, dated April 23, 1934, concerning a plan to be used in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger which he desires to discuss with an Agent of the Division.

Mr. Oliver has been advised that an Agent from your office will contact him for the information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #554432.



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NORTHERN LIGHTS RESORT  
On Rest Lake

Manitowish, Wis., April 24, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: John Dillinger, et al.,  
M. M. V. F. A.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with my telephone conversation of April 23rd, 1934 with Mr. S. P. Gowley of the Division, I herewith transmit the following documents which were on April 23rd turned over by the proprietor of the Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisc. to agents of the Division after same had been found in the rooms of the above Lodge that were occupied by Subject Dillinger from April 20-22, 1934.

- (1) Unsigned typewritten note addressed to Mr. Louis P. Pignett, 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- (2) Memorandum containing address of Pearl Hallman, 305 Harrison St., Mishawaka, Indiana.
- (3) Address Card of "The Dutchman's Inn, Lyndale at 98th St. [Presumably Chicago, Ill.]
- (4) Destroyed letter or note.

The above documents are herewith submitted for the appropriate attention of the Division Laboratory.

Very Truly Yours,

(Signed) W. A. RORER  
Inspector.

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Re: John Dillinger et al.  
N. M. V. T. A.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with my  
telephone conversation of April  
23<sup>rd</sup>, 1934 with Mr. S. F. Cowley  
of the Division, I herewith  
transmit the following documents  
which were on April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
turned over by the proprietor  
of the Little Bohemia Lodge  
Manitowish, Wis. to agents  
of the Division, after same  
had been found in the rooms  
of the above Lodge that were  
occupied by subject Dillinger  
from April 20-22, 1934.

(1) Unsigned typewritten note,

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## Northern Lights Resort ON REST LAKE

The New All-Year Resort in the Famous Vilas County  
Recreation Region of Northern Wisconsin

H. A. KUHNERT, Proprietor

Manitowish, Wis., 193

addressed to Mr. Louis P. Piquett  
228 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

(2) Memorandum containing  
address of Pearl Hellman, 305  
Harrison St., Mishawaka, Indiana

(3) Address card of "The Dutchman  
Lum, Lyndall at 96<sup>th</sup> St. (Presumably  
Chicago, Ill.)

(4) Destroyed letter or note.

The above documents are  
herewith submitted for the  
appropriate attention of the  
Division Laboratory.

Very Truly Yours,

W. A. Rorer  
Inspector

"Red Hair"

Paul Hellman

305. Harrison St.

Wishawka

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Mr. Louis P. Piquett  
228 W. La Salle  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Piquette::

It is my desire that you will represent me in precurring my wrist-watch and two rings that I have placed The Broadway Trust & Saving Bank at Broadway and Diversey. It is probable that the investigating officers have already had possession, but I believe that they have placed them back again.

If it is necessary that I grant you the power of attorney in obtaining such possession, it is so bequeathed. The key to this particular vault will be presented with this letter. Your immediate action upon this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Chester of the Associated Press called at 4:15 A.M. and again at 5:40 A.M. giving the latest bulletins on the Dillinger episode in Wisconsin. Reported that Dillinger made his escape but added no information to that already received from own sources. His second statement reported the name of Eugene Boissoneau, 35 yrs. old, C. C. C. worker, as being the other person killed. The dead Fed. Agent was still unidentified. He also stated that the St. Paul police had received a report that a Ford Coach bearing Wisconsin license #92,652 had crossed into Wisconsin from the Minnesota side at Craftsburg, Wis. This car was believed as one being sought in connection with the Dillinger case.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Connelley this evening in Indianapolis and he stated that all of the agents have arrived except the two being sent up from New Orleans. The equipment arrived about one o'clock this morning and will be sufficient to meet his needs.

I advised him of the lead at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and Mr. Connelley stated that it looks pretty good because Dillinger and Hamilton will probably go through Wisconsin to return to Indiana.

John J. Connelley  
Mr. Connelley furnished the following names against whom charges of harboring a fugitive may be made; the father, the sister, Audrey Hancock, her husband, Emmett Hancock, Fred X Hancock, the son of Audrey Hancock, Norman Hancock, another son of Audrey Hancock, Hubert Dillinger, and two young girls, last name Hancock. I advised Mr. Connelley to have all of the information possible, regarding the above, available for the Division. Statements have been obtained from Fred Hancock, Norman Hancock, and Hubert Dillinger, reports of the Agents, regarding the movements of these people are also being prepared. Mr. Connelley stated that all of the foregoing information is being prepared for the Division and will be sent in as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MR. NATHAN.....  
MR. TOLSON.....  
MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Agent Coulter at St. Paul relative to the information received here to the effect that the three men had been arrested in Minnesota. He advised that there was no foundation to this story; that he is getting all of the information as soon as the Police Department and the State Bureau of Identification receive it; that he was just talking to the St. Paul Police Department a few minutes ago but he would contact the Minneapolis Police Department. He was instructed to contact the Police Departments again in an endeavor to ascertain whether there is anything to this report.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

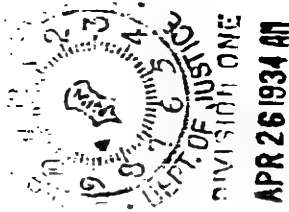
Special Agent Billings called from Chicago at about 4:20 A. M. and advised that Agent Baum had been killed, and that his body was at the C. C. C. Camp at Mercer, Wisconsin. Also John Morris, a C. C. C. worker, had been killed. Agent McIntire was seriously wounded. Agent Newman was also wounded, although not seriously. Two other C. C. C. workers suffered injuries, one being wounded in the hip and shoulder.

A description of the three cars used by the mob in escaping was being broadcast to all police officers in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

*B. P. Cawley*

*Later information indicates McIntire not injured but Newman seriously injured. EPC -*



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April 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

On April 24, 1934 I called the Kansas City office and talked to Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear to obtain a disposition of the arrest of Tommy Carroll, number 5434 Police Department, St. Joseph, Missouri on August 18, 1926, charged with larceny of an automobile, as the information was needed for the preparation of an identification order on this subject. Mr. Spear advised that Carroll was released on this arrest.

Upon concluding my conversation with Mr. Spear, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy took the telephone and requested to be transferred to Mr. Quinn in connection with some machine gun cases. This was done.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton.

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April 25, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN...  
MR. TOLSON...  
MR. CLEGG...  
MR. COWLEY...  
MR. EDWARDS...  
MR. EGAN...  
MR. GILLEN...  
MR. LESTER...  
CHIEF CLERK...  
PROB...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Larson called from Detroit. He advised that prior to leaving Muncie he called Agent in Charge Connelley at Indianapolis and explained the situation to him; that he has left Agent Wood at Muncie to take care of the situation there; that Agent Wood is familiar with the entire situation and the informant has been instructed to keep in touch with him; that they have found a house which Harry O Pierpont is alleged to have visited; that Pierpont's Aunt is said to reside in this house; that there is a strong possibility that he will return there and the house is being watched.

Agent in Charge Larson advised that in connection with the report that Dillinger is alleged to be headed toward Muncie, he is of the opinion that there is nothing to said report; that two salesmen had advised that they had seen Dillinger; that the matter had been looked into and there is nothing to it; that the information reached the Indianapolis and Columbus papers and they had spread same. Mr. Larson stated that in view of this allegation, however, he had instructed the informant to remain at Muncie yesterday and today and if nothing came up to report to him at Detroit, at which time he will have him get in touch with Opal Long. Mr. Larson advised that Opal Long is still under surveillance but she has not made a move since she came back to Detroit two weeks ago but that he is of the opinion that she will try to contact Dillinger and he is going to concentrate on this angle.

Mr. Larson advised that he had a long talk with Mr. Ball yesterday; that Mr. Ball is getting somewhat apprehensive about the matter and that Mr. Ball's fingerprints are going to be taken and sent to the Division.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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CHICAGO

April 21, 1934

Mr. E. E. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

This will confirm your telephone conversation with Mr. Wilson late Tuesday evening concerning the machine guns seized at Waukegan on Monday in the Billinger case.

I would like to have you initiate an immediate inquiry concerning the machine guns, rifles and revolvers which were seized in the Billinger case with the view to tracing these guns back to the factory and securing all possible information as to the history of these weapons. As indicated by Mr. Wilson, I believe that you should take immediate steps to arrange for an expert to examine these weapons for identification marks and initiate this investigation immediately.

Please give this matter your personal attention and report promptly to the Division.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WEAVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

St. Louis, Missouri  
April 24, 1934,  
11:00 P. M.

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M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN DILLINGER NAMED HENRY GANNEY DEPUTY SHERIFF MOUNT CLARE BEARS  
EXCELLENT REPUTATION CHARACTER RESIDENT MOUNT CLARE SINCE NINETEEN  
NAUGHT SIX THIS YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE TEN SEVEN THREE NINE EIGHT  
ISSUED GANNEY DECEMBER TWENTY SIX LAST AT SPRINGFIELD FOR CAR DESCRIBED  
YOUR WIRE LICENSE CONTINUOUSLY POSSESSION GANNEY AND NEVER GOT OF  
ILLINOIS NO INFORMATION INSTANT CASE

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A tracing of the signature of John P. Chase was taken from said authorization and placed in the San Francisco file in this case.

Acting Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley received information from Mrs. M. M. Martin, National Auto Theft Bureau, that motor number 40-48415, bearing 1934 Minnesota license #120-311, had not been cleared into California; that there was no operator's license issued in the name of John P. Chase, Sausalito, Calif.; that a John P. Chase, P. O. Box 112, Sausalito, had a 1932 Plymouth Coupe, motor #207633, 1934 license #207631, which was registered on Feb. 1, 1934, legal owner William M. Billinger, Inc., Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

Chief of Police M. J. Donohue, Sausalito, Calif., J. T. Wood, San Anselmo, Calif., William S. Root, San Rafael, Calif., and Sheriff W. D. Salmer, San Rafael, Calif., were notified to apprehend John P. Chase if located. Charles Dallas, Captain of Inspection, San Francisco Police Department, was requested to advise the apprehension of John P. Chase if located.

Under date of April 14, 1934 letter was received from W. B. Salmer, Sheriff, San Rafael, Calif., to the effect that the father of Ross Turney, former bootleg partner of John Paul Chase, owned a ranch in the vicinity of Polson, Calif., and that Ross Turney recently spent several days there and there was a possibility that Chase was at said ranch.

Under date of April 16, 1934 a confidential letter was received from T. P. Money, Under Sheriff, Sonoma County, at Santa Rosa, Calif., that information had been received that John Chase was believed to be in a hide out near Cazadero in Sonoma County, and had recently returned from the East, bringing with him one of Billinger's molls.

On April 16, 1934 a telephone message was received from Mr. Peters, Special Agent of the Northwestern and Pacific Railroad, Sausalito, Calif., that information had been received that John P. Chase was in the vicinity of Red Bluffs, near Cazadero, Calif., on a ranch owned by the father-in-law of George Hartman of Sausalito.

It was noted in the report of Inspector E. J. Root, under date of April 9, 1934, on page 9, that Russell Hinson accompanied the members of John Billinger's gang and gave the name of "Alvin", who is described as being about 25 years of age, and "Billy", last name unknown.

The description of James Rogers, given in San Francisco letter of date March 26, 1934 in the case captioned "ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPPING - San Francisco file 7-33" describes James Rogers as being slight in build and having a fresh, rosy complexion. There is a slight possibility that James Rogers may be identical with the person



residing in Sausalito; that John P. Chase had a girl friend by name Sally Backman, residing at 443 Turney St., Sausalito; that Sally Backman is now employed on a news stand on the docks on the San Francisco side of the Sausalito-Golden Gate Ferry.

E. W. Barclay, 220 - 4th St., Sausalito, Calif., stated that he is a broker for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; that he has known John P. Chase for some years and is now trying to locate him for the purpose of collecting insurance premiums due on Metropolitan Life Insurance policy #123456, in amount \$2000, taken out by John P. Chase on March 31, 1931, the premiums on which are payable monthly; that the last known address of John P. Chase was the Oasis, 922 Water St., Sausalito, Calif.; that John P. Chase graduated from the San Rafael High School and it is probable that he had a Class picture taken.

George Norton, 922 Water St., stated that he did not purchase from John P. Chase a Plymouth Coupe or other auto and made no payments to Klinger & Co., of San Francisco, of any kind at any time or any purpose; that he does not own an automobile or an interest in an automobile and is not holding title to an automobile for John P. Chase or any other person; that he has information that John P. Chase owned a Plymouth Coupe and was in it when he was in Sausalito in January of 1934; that Chase was broke for some months prior to January, 1934 and that he, Norton, paid for Chase's laundry and laundry for his 31 on occasions to go to a movie with his girl, Sally Backman; that he made no other loans to John P. Chase; that he has no information as to the present whereabouts of John P. Chase.

#### AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Special Agent Wm. E. Barclay, Jr., under investigation at William Klinger Co., Inc., 2215 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, has ascertained that John P. Chase purchased a new 1933 Plymouth Coupe on Dec. 15, 1933, bearing motor #PC57835, serial #PC1784719, on which he turned in an old Dodge Coupe, on which there was an allowance of \$100 and paid \$175.00 in cash, and the balance at \$225 for 18 months; that insurance on the said car was taken out in the Twin City Fire Insurance Co., of Minneapolis, Policy #22100; that at time of purchase of car John P. Chase furnished the following information: nationality, American; color, white; age, 32; marital status, single; no dependents; that he resided at 309 Water St., Sausalito, Calif., and that his prior residence was 302 - 2nd San Rafael, Calif.; that he was employed by the British Cigar Co., 220 Waters St., Sausalito, Calif., as a salesman for the past six months at a salary of \$150 per month; that he had previously been employed as a salesman that he belonged to no trade union and to no lodge; that he had a life insurance policy with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; that his business references he gave his names J. T. Molani, 141 Fourth St., San Rafael and British Cigar Co., Sausalito; that he had a brother Frank P. Chase, 145 West St., Sausalito, and gave as a personal reference E. J. Mizet, Fourth and Lincoln Sts., San Rafael, Calif. It was further noted that the balance due on said Plymouth Coupe in amount \$225.07 was paid on Dec. 15, 1933; that at time of payment on Dec. 15, 1933 of the balance John P. Chase made written authorization to the William Klinger Co., Inc., to transfer the title of said Plymouth Coupe to George Norton, 922 Waters St., Sausalito, Calif.

described by Bessie Skinner as "Jimmie" and that John P. Chase may be identical with the person described by Bessie Skinner as "Billy".

UNDEVELOPED LEADS. THE ST. PAUL OFFICE, it is suggested, will reinterview Bessie Skinner with view of obtaining a more definite description of the persons described by her as "Jimmie" and "Billy".

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will make investigation at Eureka, Calif., at 309 Market St., former residence of John P. Chase and at 2nd - 2nd St., San Rafael, Calif., and at San Rafael will endeavor to obtain a photograph of John P. Chase, and will interview J. J. Coffey and E. J. Wright for such information as they may have concerning the possible whereabouts of John P. Chase.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will make investigation at Cazadero and other points in Sonoma County with view of locating and causing the apprehension of John P. Chase.

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TDQ:ME

April 24, 1934

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON**

Please be informed that Acting Special Agent in Charge Hookins of the Detroit Office telephoned and stated that on Sunday, April 22, 1934, Agent Zimmerman of that office, while endeavoring to follow an automobile allegedly operated by members of the Hillinger gang, met with an accident that he was unavoidable; however, from all indications the responsibility for such rests with Agent Zimmerman. He stated that the individual owning the car damaged was very anxious to have the car repaired and wanted instructions as to what method of procedure should be used in covering these damages. I informed him that the owner of the damaged car would have to file a claim with the Government, whereupon he stated that the repairs would be \$95.00 and that Agent Zimmerman was disposed to pay them from his personal funds. He wanted to know if there would be any objection to having the garage that performs work on the official cars bidding on this and I assured him there would not be. I requested that Agent Zimmerman submit the facts surrounding this accident to the Division at an early date.

Respectfully,

T. E. Quinn

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*Received from St. Paul, Minn.  
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DIRECTOR

AGENT MELVIN AT MANITOWISH ADVISES THAT INSPECTOR RORER IS IN VICINITY  
OF PARK FALLS AND FIFIELD WITH SHERIFFS OF THAT VICINITY LAST HEARD FROM  
G HIM ABOUT HOUR AGO AT WHICH TIME HAD NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CAR  
THAT WAS STOLEN RORER TO CALL MELVIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NO MEANS OF  
COMMUNICATING WITH RORER AT PRESENT WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS INFORMATION  
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*Received from St. Paul, Minn.*  
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TTHIS IS WASH DIV OF INVEST

DIRECTOR

INSPECTOR RORER CALLED FROM MANITOWISH ADVINING THAT NOONE IS SURROUNDED  
THAT IDENTITY OF PARTY WHO STOLE CAR HAS NOT BEEN ASCERADINED STOP  
ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT APPARENTLY IN ERROR

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MR. ROSS	_____

*Boyle*

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April 25, 1934.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I am attaching hereto a copy of an article which appeared in last evening's Washington Star, and which contains a statement made by Senator Copeland, quoting him as saying, "A pathetic failure of cooperation between Federal, State and local authorities" has existed in the Dillinger case. I am bringing this to your attention because I believe it is particularly unfortunate that any one should indulge in statements of this kind at the present time. In the first place, the Federal authorities have been receiving very excellent cooperation from the State and local law enforcement agencies. Following the publication of this statement yesterday, which statement was carried by the Associated Press in papers throughout the country, inquiries were made by some of the local law enforcement officers in the Middle West as to why such a statement had appeared, in view of the assistance and cooperation which they had been extending to us. Our Agents have of course indicated that this statement did not emanate from the Department of Justice. Such statements are not helpful, but rather tend to tear down the cooperation which we have been trying to build up, and such statements are particularly unfortunate when they are untrue, as in this instance.

Respectfully,

Director

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# Lack of Police Co-operation In Dillinger Case Is Scored

## Copeland Declares Federal, State and Local Officers Have Failed to Work Together.

Chairman Copeland of the Senate "Racketeering" Committee told reporters today there has been "a pathetic failure of co-operation between Federal, State and local authorities" in the Dillinger case.

He made this statement shortly after the House Judiciary Committee, responding to a request by President Roosevelt, approved legislation intended to aid in combating crime.

Copeland said his committee was not considering legislation to authorize a reward for Dillinger's capture.

"If they would send for some of the New York Troopers and put them on the trail they would catch him," Copeland added.

George "Baby Face" Nelson, 22, Chicago criminal, earlier was identified at the Department of Justice as the Dillinger mobman who killed Special Agent W. Carter Baum in the gunplay early yesterday.

Escaped in 1932.

Nelson escaped from the Illinois State Penitentiary in February, 1932, where he was serving a sentence of from one year to life for first degree robbery.

He is wanted at St. Paul in connection with another bank robbery.

The slaying near Rhinelander, Wis., yesterday of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, of the Justice Department's Division of Investigation by a member of the Dillinger mob again focused

attention on the fact that it is no Federal crime to kill a Government officer.

Angry by the fatal outcome of the trap which was being set for Dillinger at a remote road house in Wisconsin, President Roosevelt moved to facilitate passage of a proposed law to correct this anomalous condition and the enactment of half a dozen other measures proposed by Attorney General Cummings.

Plaque to be placed in the office of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The name of Agent Baum will be added to the list of five other special agents of the division who gave their lives in the service of law enforcement. A bronze plaque bearing the names of the martyred agents has been erected in the office of Director Hoover. Officials pointed out today that in every other instance the slayers of Federal officers have been brought to justice.

The body of Agent Baum is due to arrive here tomorrow morning by train from Rhinelander, Wis. With the body will be the widow and her mother.

Tentative funeral arrangements call for a brief funeral service either at Humphreys undertaking establishment in Silver Spring, Md., or in the chapel at Rock Creek Cemetery, where burial will take place. Definite plans are being held in abeyance until the arrival of Mrs. Baum.

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Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent in Charge Larson called from Muncie, Indiana, and advised that he had talked with his informant this morning; that the informant advised him that the ammunition that was taken into the Pastime Club was for the man who was running the club, said man being under indictment on a counterfeiting charge and having received a threat in the event he testifies against the individual making the threat; that the owner of the Pastime Club has secured this ammunition for his own protection.

Mr. Larson advised that he had contacted Mr. Ball and has given him the telephone number of the Cincinnati office in the event of any developments.

Mr. Larson advised that conditions at Muncie are such that he does not believe it will be necessary for him to remain there any longer. He is of the opinion that Agent Wood can handle the situation. He stated that in the event of any developments he could get there from Detroit in five hours and that he believed he should return to Detroit. He also suggested the advisability of sending his informant to Detroit to see if he could secure any information there. He stated that the informant's source of information in Muncie does not have any further information at the present time and Mr. Larson is of the opinion that if his informant would go to Detroit and contact the Clarke family and there see Opal Long it might be that she would have some information which should be given to Dillinger and might request the informant to deliver same, as they have a great deal of confidence in the informant. Mr. Larson was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Connelley and secure his opinion relative to this plan. Mr. Larson will call the Division after his talk with Mr. Connelley. Mr. Larson was also requested to have Mr. Connelley call the Division.

**Respectfully,**

GP Cowl <sup>62</sup>

**S. P. Cowley.**

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WPC:ON

April 24, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

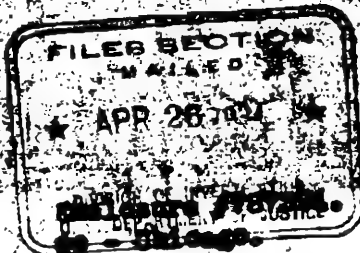
Reference is made to Inspector Hurst's letter dated at Northern  
Lights Resort, Manitowish, Wisconsin, April 24, 1934.

For the completion of your files and those of the Chicago Office  
there are being transmitted herewith and to the Chicago Office photostatic  
copies of the enclosures submitted by Inspector Hurst consisting of the  
address card of "The Dutchman's Inn", the handwritten address of Pearl  
Hollman in Mishawaka, Indiana, the address appearing on the envelope of  
Louis P. Fignette of Chicago, and the typewritten unsigned letter to Mr.  
Fignette, which makes reference to a wrist watch and two rings which appear  
to be in a safe deposit box in the Broadway Trust & Savings Bank at Second  
and Riverway streets.

It will be noted these reproductions do not include the torn  
mutilated letter submitted by Inspector Hurst. An attempt is being made  
to decipher this letter and should it be possible to reconstruct the same  
you will be furnished with copies.

The material submitted is being studied for latent fingerprints  
with a view to establishing the identity of persons having handled the same.

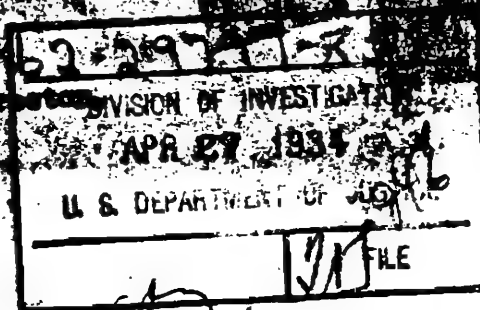
Very truly yours,



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April 13, 1934.

MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. CONNELLEY  
MR. Egan  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. CLERK  
MR. ROBER

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Hanson called from Birmingham and stated that he had just talked to Agent Fitzsimons in Nashville relative to the holding up of police officers there on the 9th; that Agent Fitzsimons advised that they have identified George Nelson, alias Baby Face (Mr. Hanson is of the opinion that George Nelson is a member of the Dillinger gang inasmuch as his photograph appears on the bulletin that was issued by the City of Chicago, said bulletin containing a photograph of Dillinger) as the man who had the automobile at Nashville - the car that was purchased in Mankato, Minnesota, for which license tags were secured at Murfreesboro under the name of Osgood; that five men have definitely identified his photograph; that he was seen at Nashville on the 9th and 10th; that he was seen at the Walker Brake Service Station in Nashville and also at the Cole Motor Company at Nashville; that one man who identified him advised that he saw him there as early as April 6 and also saw him on the 10th; that a negro at the Walker Brake Service Station identified Ludwig Schmidt as being with Nelson; that the negro said that Schmidt was across the street while Nelson was in the station.

Mr. Hanson stated that they were endeavoring to get the Post Office Department to help them make a census of the apartment houses in Nashville and are also endeavoring to get their permission to have an Agent accompany the mail carrier while making this census. Mr. Hanson advised that he has an Agent at Murfreesboro and three Agents at Nashville working on this matter. He stated that he was going to send another Agent to Nashville to help out in the census matter.

Mr. Hanson advised that George Nelson's photograph on the bulletin issued by the City of Chicago bears the number 5437 and his fingerprint classification is as follows:

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Mr. Hanson will advise the Division in the event of further developments.

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Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

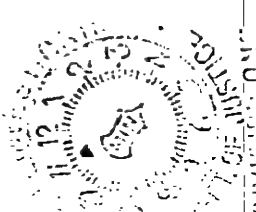
On April 26, 1934 Mr. B. F. Darnell, 1417 Park Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. called at the Division. Mr. Darnell is an ex-member of the Metropolitan Police Department, having been discharged for reasons not given, and at the present time he is seeking employment.

The purpose of his call at the Division was to advise of a plan conceived by him for the apprehension of Dillinger, to the effect that Dillinger's father should be placed in jail, charged with obstruction of justice, and that Dillinger could then be easily apprehended when he came to effect delivery of his father.

Mr. Darnell was advised that a similar plan has been suggested by other sources and that his suggestion will, of course, be given consideration.

Respectfully,

John B. Little.



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SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA

GOLF THIRTY EIGHT CALIBRE SUPERAUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER ONE THREE  
FIVE EIGHT THREE SHIPPED BY GOLF FACTORY TO BAKER HAMILTON AND PACIFIC COAST  
SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTH STREET SAN FRANCISCO JANUARY THIRTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY  
TWO THIS GUN RECOVERED SAINT PAUL FOLLOWING GUN BATTLE WITH JOHN DILLINGER  
MARCH THIRTY FIRST TRACE THROUGH DEALER TO ULTIMATE PURCHASER FORWARD  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 23, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
VSB Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re John Dillinger with aliases - 694275,  
I. & J. 2129, et al.; and W. W. Barker  
alias - Barker-Karpis Gang - Fugitives from Justice

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of the twentieth instant,  
relative to key #12345, manufactured by Locking, Pennsylvania Hardware  
Corporation, found on Mary Evelyn Frechette's person.

Pursuant to your request, investigation was conducted at  
Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Morningside Apartments, which disclosed that the  
above numbered key is not now being used, and no record of this key was  
found at the above apartments.

Investigation was made at the Richard Hardware Company (now  
Clark Darling Hardware Company) where it was found that they maintain no record  
of keys.

Identification orders of John Dillinger, Mary Evelyn Frechette,  
and other suspects in the above titled case were exhibited to the manager  
of the Morningside Apartments, Mrs. Mary E. Stone, and the porter also.  
These identification orders were exhibited to W. E. L. Ryan, manager of  
the Clark Darling Hardware Company. None of the above parties were able  
to identify any of the identification orders as likenesses of parties  
either having formerly lived at the Morningside Apartments or visited there,  
or having bought a key at the Clark Darling Hardware Company.

Investigation was also made at the Tulsa Post Office where  
the forward of carriers and carriers' names were shown to the carrier  
which serves the Morningside Apartments, who interviewed. Neither of these  
parties could identify the identification orders as persons the keys were  
made at frequented the Morningside Apartments. The carrier stated that  
he has served that route for the past five years, and feels certain that if  
Dillinger or Frechette had ever occupied an apartment at the Morningside, he

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would know them. It might be added that the investigation disclosed that the Morningside Apartments are exclusive apartments catered to wealthy people who offered every assistance to the investigating Agent.

Very truly yours,

Marie M. Ruck, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
St. Paul (Inspector E. J. Glavin)



1941 First National Bank Bldg.,  
 11 West, Suite 1000

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Special Agent in Charge,  
 Division of Investigation,  
 U.S. Department of Justice,  
 2000 Bankers Bldg.,  
 Chicago, Ill.

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
 I.A. #1111; John Hamilton, with alias;  
 I.A. #1111; Frank MacFarlane, with alias;  
 I.A. #1111; et al.  
 NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND  
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

On this date, the following wire was received from SAC  
 Council, at Indianapolis:

"John Herbert Dillinger et al. WETA Case E, Legal Practice Arizona  
 is communicating with William Rogers Attorney Indianapolis representing  
 Gang Member trials that this is substance given Dillinger failed will  
 many follow will advise you if some reports of identity  
 and all other communication and contacts Dillinger and Legal Counsel  
 Cincinnati."

Lawrence W. Phoenix, Arizona, is in the territory covered by the  
 Los Angeles Office, the above wire was immediately relayed to that  
 office.

cc - 2 Division 1 Cincinnati  
 2 Chicago 1 Los Angeles  
 2 St. Paul

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Mr. H.H. Clegg,  
Inspector  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 518  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 51817, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft  
Act - Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telephonic request of yesterday, I am enclosing certified photostatic copies of a bill of complaint filed January 17, 1934 in the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois by Evelyn Spark against her husband, Walter Spark, which is her petition for a divorce.

I am also enclosing certified photostatic copies of the returns in that matter, and a certified photostatic copy of the back of one of the copies of the bill of complaint, on which appeared the sheriff's return, the sheriff being Ray Murray of Leavenworth County, Kansas.

These are the only records of this matter in the custody of the court, and the matter is pending before Judge Sabbath of the Superior Court. These proceedings are being handled by the law firm of Brodkins and Richer, 128 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

I am also furnishing you with 2 additional photostatic copies of the above papers and retaining one copy for the Chicago file. I am also enclosing a copy of the Chicago Daily News dated March 7, 1934, and a copy of the Chicago Daily Tribune dated March 8, 1934, both of which contain news items relative to the issuance of a warrant by the Federal Court in Chicago for the arrest of John Dillinger. These are the only local papers that carry news items relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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F. H. FURNESON OF INVESTIGATION  
Special Agent in Charge  
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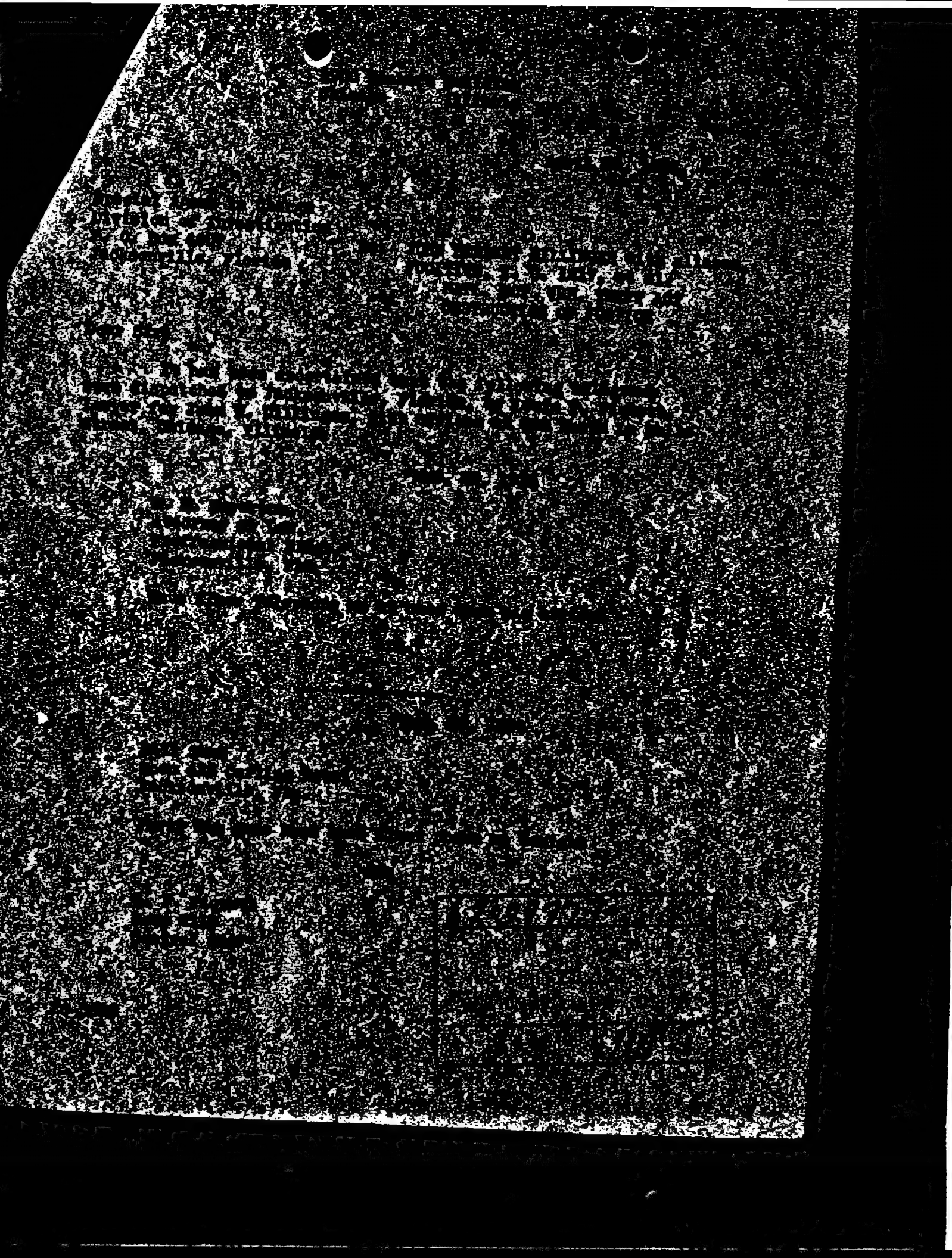
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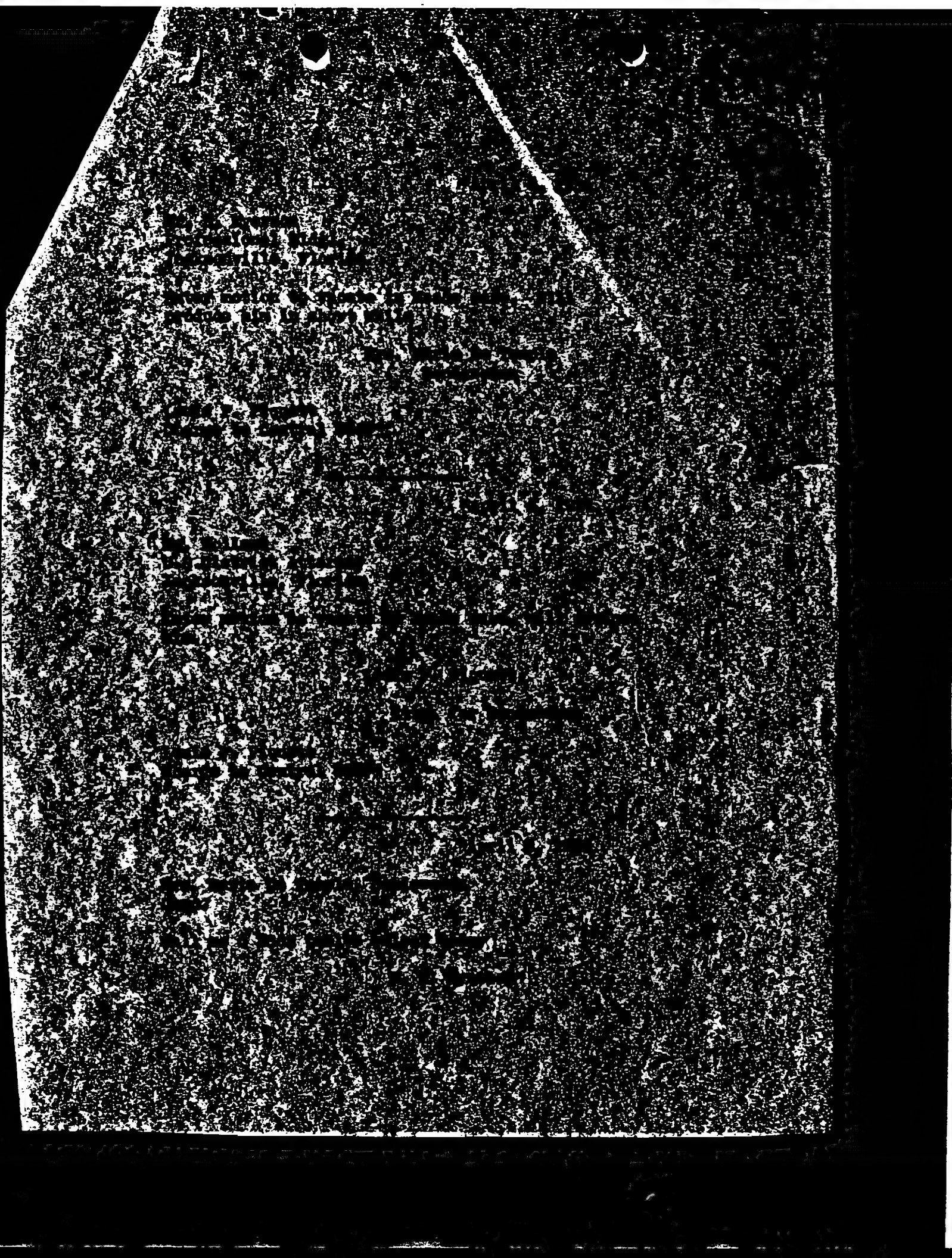
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BOSTON, MASS., APRIL 26, 1934.

WERNER HANNI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL, MINNESOTA.

DILLINGER ETAL NMVTA INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES FLOYD P. FULLER WATERBURY VERMONT  
OCCUPATION FARMER WIRED NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS WESTERN UNION TO DOCTOR W F GODDARD BARRON,  
WISCONSIN FOR PURCHASE CATTLE FULLER BEARS GOOD REPUTATION RESIDENT WATERBURY TEN YEARS  
FULLER ISSUED OWN CHECK WATERBURY SAVINGS BANK TRUST COMPANY TO WESTERN UNION.

cc - Division ✓  
cc - New York



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WILLIAM C. CROFT  
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VICE PRESIDENT

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WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINN

JOHN DILLINGER ETAL REVEA REFERENCE INSPECTOR GLENN TELEPHONIC MESSAGE YESTERDAY REGARDING LICENSE PLATES OF MRS W E ROGERS OUTRIE KENTUCKY FOUND ON FORD SEDAN AT PORTAGE WISCONSIN INVESTIGATION AT OUTRIE REVEALS ROGERS PROMINENT DIVISION SPECTED REPUTATION LICENSE PLATES STOLEN NIGHT APRIL ELEVENTH SUBJECTS UNKNOWN THAT VICINITY

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Kansas City, Missouri,  
April 25, 1934

H H CLEGG  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
208 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases  
I. O. #1217 et al

REFERENCE MY TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION TODAY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER AND  
STOP INVESTIGATION REFLECTS PURPOSE OF ADD TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL IN KANSAS  
CITY MISSOURI NO CONNECTION WITH YOUR CASE

CORBOY

cc Division

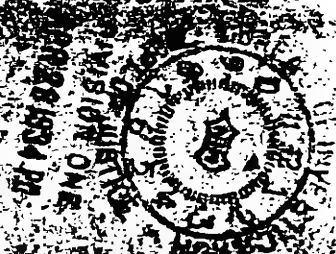
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SPR 2-1134-07

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
600 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

Re: JOHN EDWARD BURLIN  
alias: ...  
et al. - I.O.P. #1 and  
constructive of murder

Dear Sir:

One of the long distance telephone calls charged to  
Louis L. Pignett, lawyer for John Ed. Burlin, was the office at  
225 North La Salle Street, Chicago, through the following calls  
on and from this date:

Main 2222, time, 2:40 - 2:45 p.m., March 22, 1934.

On March 22, 23, 27, and April 6 and 7, 1934, Pignett  
Burlin was called at this number.

Main 2222, time, 2:40 - 2:45 p.m., March 22, 1934.

On March 22, 1934, Burlin was called at this number.  
March 24, 1934, it appears that Burlin called Pignett at  
Central 6047 at 10:00 a.m. Burlin was his office telephone  
number.

It further appears that on March 24, 1934, Pignett  
called from Main 2222. On March 25, 1934, Pignett called  
Main 6004. On March 27, 1934, Burlin called from Main 2222.  
March 29, 1934, Pignett called from Main 6004. One of these Main  
numbers being in line, etc.

It is suggested that your office conduct appropriate in-  
vestigations to ascertain the identity of Pignett Burlin and inform-  
tion as to his character, reputation and activities. It should be  
particularly ascertained to whom Pignett Main 2222 and Main 6004  
called.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1287,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: JOHN EDGAR HILLMAN, aka.  
alias--MURDER--I.O. 1117  
et al--BURLY BROWN VEHICLE  
THEFT AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

Mr. E. G. Saunders, 5528 Clinton Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, who was formerly associated with the Illinois Bankers Association, and who played an important part in securing the location and apprehension of George (Baby Face) Nelson at the time he was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois for bank robbery, called at the Chicago office today. Mr. Saunders is anxious to cooperate with the Division to the greatest possible extent in order that Nelson may be apprehended.

Mr. Saunders stated that his former investigation disclosed that Nelson frequents a house of prostitution, together with an associate, Jack Britt, in East St. Louis, Ill. This house is located at 309 Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis. According to Mr. Saunders it would be highly inadvisable for Agents of the Division to attempt to make inquiry at this house of prostitution, but an informant of Mr. Saunders, [redacted] is going to procure reliable information concerning Nelson in East St. Louis. [redacted] is particularly anxious to avoid having the underworld gain any knowledge that he has connections with law enforcement agencies, and has that [redacted] in mind. It is not advisable to contact [redacted] Mr. Saunders advised, however, that he is directing a letter to [redacted] tonight, in which it is being requested that [redacted] call on Special Agent in Charge in charge of the St. Louis office, and arrange to cooperate with Agents of the Division in effecting the location of Nelson.

For your information please be advised that the true name of George (Baby Face) Nelson is Lester Gillis. He has also used the following aliases: Alvin Karpis, Lester Gillis, and sometimes known as Big George. There are two [redacted] photographs of Nelson. Following is a description of this person:

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Name

LESTER W. SHERRY

Age

30 years

Height

5 ft. 10 inches

Weight

175 pounds

Build

Medium

Eyes

Yellow and blue grey

Hair

Light chestnut

Complexion

Light

Fingerprint classification

1 2 3 4

Very truly yours,

W. A. RAY

Special Agent in Charge.

WEP:JES

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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

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RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, FUGITIVE,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1017, et al.  
HARRIS, ALVIN, Vehicle Theft Act,  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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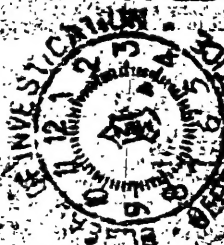
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M. H. Parvis  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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JOHN HENRY DILLINGER WA STAL NEWTA BLACK SPORT BUICK COUPE MODEL EIGHT SIX EIGHT  
MOTOR TWO EIGHT FOUR FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE SHIPPED JUNE ELEVENTH LAST TO BUICK  
OLDSMOBILE PONTIAC COMPANY CHICAGO BUICK DISTRIBUTORS FOR HEINZ MOTOR COMPANY  
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INVEST ST PAUL

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DIRECTOR TO DIRECTOR SAC ST PAUL

REPORT JUST RECEIVED HERE FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT BABY FACE NELSON  
IS SURROUNDED AT POINT NEAR FIFIELD, WISCONSIN BY POSSE OF DEPUTY SHERIFF  
AND AGENT PLEASE VERIFY THIS AND GIVE ALL DET2 DETAILS YOU HAVE

HOOVER

EVNL END EP WAIT

AGENT MELVIN PHONED FROM UPPER MERIS AT 12 30

THAT A PLYMOUTH SEDAN BEARING WIS LICENSE 3731

HAD BEEN STOLEN EARLY LAST NIGHT FROM LAC DE FLAMBEAU BY PARTIES  
THOUGHT TO BE CONNECTED WITH DILLINGER MOB CHICAGO ADVISED AND A  
ROADS WERE BEING COVERED BY POLICE AND SHERIFFS BUT HAVE HAD NO  
REPORT WILL VERIFY THAT PARTIES ARE SURROUNDED AND ADVISE

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MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LEE  
HIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBERT

Staples

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619 FEDERAL BLDG.  
LOS ANGELES CALIF.

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FOLLOWING JUST RECEIVED HERE FROM CONNELLEY AT INDIANAPOLIS QUOTE JOHN HERBERT  
DILLINGER NEAL HWYTA GRACE H LOGAN PHOENIX ARIZONA IS COMMUNICATING WITH WILLIAM  
FOGARTY ATTORNEY INDIANAPOLIS REPRESENTED GARD MURDER TRIALS LIMA ONTO IN SUBSTANCE  
QUOTE BONDURANT MAILED GOLD MONEY FOLLOWS WILL ADVISE YOU IF COMES UNQUOTE DISCU  
CHECK IDENTITY AND ALL MEANS COMMUNICATION AND CONTACTS BONDURANT AND LOGAN ARIZONA  
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San Francisco, California  
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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
426 U. S. Custom House and P. O. Bldg.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER ET AL HEVITA GLYNN AND WIFE RESIDING  
OAKLAND ABOUT TWO YEARS CAME FROM INDIANAPOLIS HAVE RELATIVES STOP  
DUNCAN UNEMPLOYED PAINTER HAS NO POLICE RECORD OAKLAND.

Charge: Gov't Rate  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California

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